



## Winning weekend.

Bearcats, Spoofhounds remain undefeated after facing archrivals.  
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## Commissioners propose jail

by Jacob DiPietre  
Special Assignments Reporter

The Nodaway County Commissioners are looking at building a new jail on the square in Maryville. The proposed jail would be located at the corner of Market and Fourth streets, where Egan's Home Furniture was previously located.

Lester Keith, presiding county commissioner, said no plans are finalized, but the county has looked into building a new, bigger county or regional jail.

The regional jail would be for Nodaway, Atchison and Gentry counties. However, Keith said the other counties involved backed out of the negotiations.

jail, which can hold up to 28 prisoners, is full 85 percent of the time said Ben Espey, Nodaway County sheriff.

Espey said the current jail, which was built in 1986, is too small and believes there needs to be a change. "This building was never designed right," Espey said. "There is no place for sergeant or lieutenant offices. The deputies are in with the secretary. It was just a bad design from the beginning. Something needs to be done."

Espey is not the only one who believes jail renovations are needed. CSG consultants, from Shawnee Mission, Kan., surveyed the current county jail to evaluate its status at the county commissioners' request. In their conclusion CSG said the

current facility is "inadequate for their current needs."

"To assure safety and security of both the inmates and staff, by meeting American Correction Association and Uniform Building Codes standards, extensive remodeling would be required," CSG's report said.

Keith said the county bought the property for \$115,000 and is looking at it in terms of planning for the future. He doesn't expect anything to happen for three to four years.

"We bought the property as an investment," Keith said. "Due to some things that may happen in the future."

The county commissioners are anticipating growth in the future. Keith said they tore down the old

building because of its condition in terms of heating and electrical wiring.

The county commissioners bid out the demolition of the building to Madgett & Griffin of St. Joseph for around \$63,000.

However, there are others who feel the county did not spend the money wisely.

Dennis Pierson, Republican for Nodaway County presiding commissioner candidate, said the county would be better off if it had looked ahead.

"At that location they are always going to be short on space," Pierson said. "I think they would have been better off if they looked 20 years down the road and found some place they could expand on."

### Quick reader.

A fast grasp on the situation.

### What happens?

Nodaway County Commissioners proposed building a new regional or county jail that will be located on the square in Maryville.

### Why?

The commissioners believe the current jail is too small to accommodate prisoners and offices.



Heather Epperly/Missourian Photographer

Charles and Jackie Hawkins, parents of Karen Hawkins, participate in the Speak Out for Stephanie Walk in remembrance of their daughter, who was murdered April 21, 1995. The walk is designed to motivate students to speak up about the rights of victims of rape and criminal acts.

## Big games, big wins

## Teams continue perfect seasons

by Mark Hornickel  
Sports Editor

Two Maryville teams were involved in significant football games over the weekend and both came away with wins.

On Friday night, the Maryville Spoofhounds traveled to Savannah for their first of three district games, while the Bearcats welcomed MIAA rival Pittsburg State to town Saturday.

The Bearcats kept their perfect record intact and came away with a 23-18 victory in front of 7,700 fans at Rickenbrode Stadium.

"It's a huge win for our program and our team," sophomore receiver Tony Miles said. "We beat them two years in a row and Pitt State's always been the team that everybody talks about. Hopefully people will start talking about our team."

The 'Cats battled with the Gorillas for much of the game. In the third quarter, just seconds after Pitt State running back Lateef Walker tied the score, 16-16, with a 2-yard run, 'Cats' receiver Charlie Pugh returned a kickoff 99 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown.

"It was a great game and an exciting game for the fans," said Mel Tjeerdsma, Northwest head coach. "But more than that, it's a great game for our players because this was a pressure game. Pitt State is still Pitt State. They've got a great tradition, but we had to get rid of that aura they bring in with them."

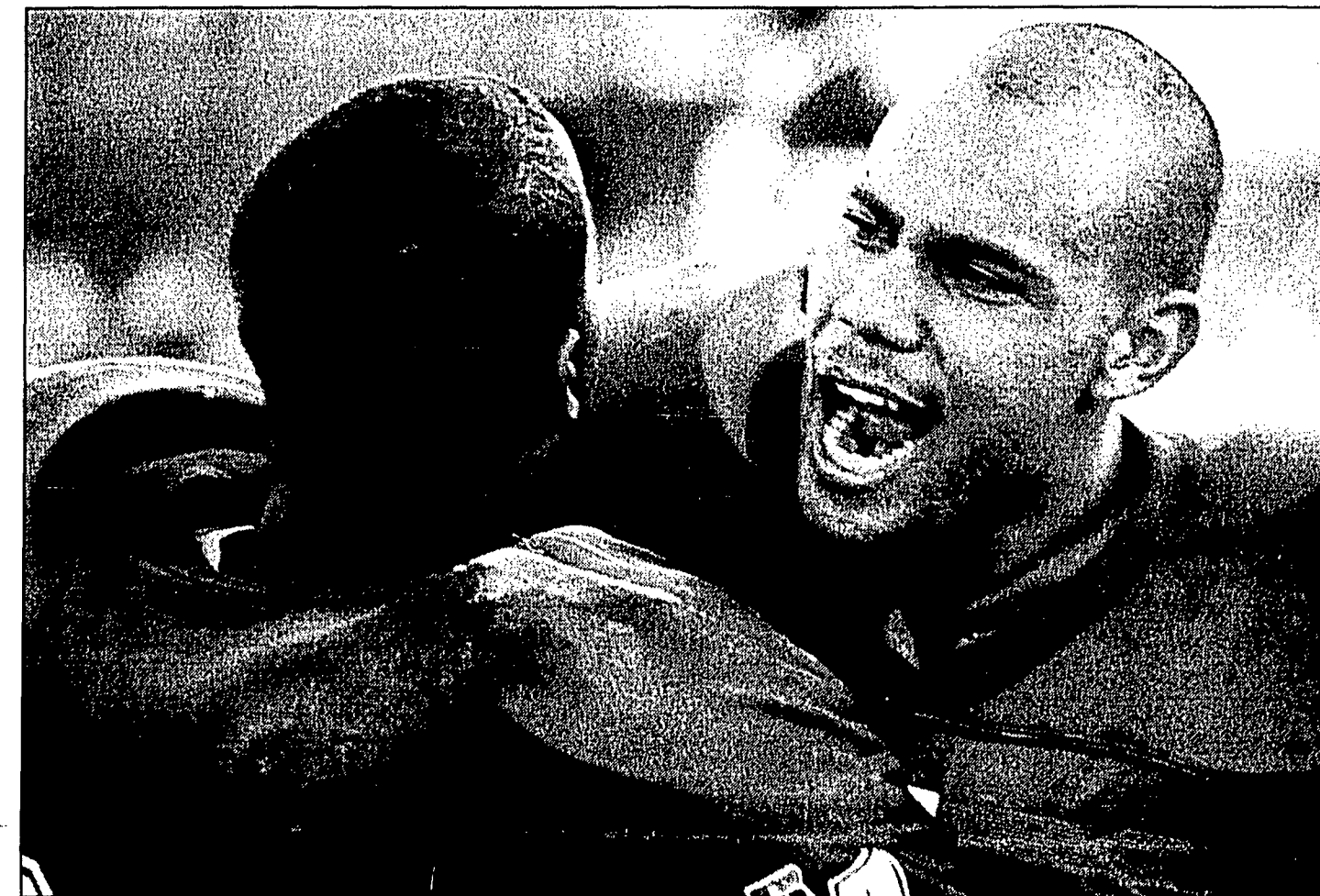
The victory marked the second year in a row in which the 'Cats defeated the Gorillas. Last year, Northwest defeated Pitt State 15-14 in Pittsburg.

"Last year, they said it was a fluke and you could put an asterisk by it," Pugh said. "Well this year settled it. Two great teams played and fought until the end. You've got to give them credit, but we deserve some too."

With their victory over Pitt State, the 'Cats moved up in the polls and took the second spot in this week's NCAA Division II football poll.

Prior to the 'Cats' victory, the Maryville Spoofhounds claimed their second straight Midland Empire Conference championship by defeating Savannah 48-20 in the first round of district play.

Quarterback Nick Glasnapp ran the 'Hounds' offense with ease, completing



Mike Ransdell/Assistant Photography Director

13 of 20 passes for 248 yards. On the ground, Glasnapp earned 105 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Running back Adam Otte caught seven passes on the night for 166 yards including a 71-yard touchdown pass.

Glasnapp credited the entire team with the 'Hounds' clinching win.

"We just figured we had to run and pass to keep their defense off track," Glasnapp said. "Linemen did a great job. Receivers did a great job. Everybody contributed."

The 'Hounds are ranked No. 3 in Missouri 3A football and advanced to 7-0 with their win over Savannah, but head coach Chuck Lliteras said the 'Hounds cannot afford to get complacent.

"Savannah was a good football team and they have a very explosive offense," Lliteras said. "We made a couple mistakes and it cost us. We've got to be more conscious, in those aspects. We'll make sure we keep our focus, and don't get caught up in the big picture and all the hoopla. We need to make sure we focus and concentrate on what we're doing and not what others are doing and what time of year it is and what this game means and what that game means."

The 'Cats and the 'Hounds will try to continue their winning ways this weekend. Maryville will play host to Tarkio Academy Friday, Northwest will travel to Central Missouri State on Saturday.



Junior Charlie Pugh (above) and sophomore Clinton Hurd express their excitement after Saturday's huge win over Pitt State. Pugh's 99-yard touchdown put the Bearcats in the lead for good, sealing up their perfect record for yet another week.

Justin DeShon (left) and Zane Schulte begin the celebration Friday night at Savannah. As the clock ran out, the Maryville fans made their way toward the field to congratulate head coach Chuck Lliteras and the team. The 'Hounds ended the first week of district play with a perfect record 7-0 record.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

## S.O.S. Walk focuses on memories, prevention

By Ted Place  
Missourian Reporter

In an interview with the *Kansas City Star* Stephanie Schmidt's mother said, "When it rains before or after we speak, I know Stephanie is looking down on us."

Wednesday, rain fell until early in the evening. Then it stopped, and the fourth annual Speak Out for Stephanie Silent Walk went on as planned.

With a crowd of over 1,000 students, faculty and community members present, the women of Sigma Sigma Sigma gave their annual tribute to Stephanie Schmidt and Karen Hawkins.

Schmidt, a member of the Pittsburg State Tri-Sigma chapter, was sexually assaulted and murdered July 1, 1993.

Hawkins, a member of the Northwest Tri-Sigma chapter, was the victim of a similar crime April 21, 1995.

The walk takes place to remind and educate people about the seriousness of such crimes and how to prevent them, as well as to remember those lost to such tragedies.

The ceremony began with speeches from walk coordinator Becky Mellon; Schmidt's parents, Gene and Peggy; and Miss Kansas Jennifer Vanatta.

Vanatta went to high school with Schmidt and covered the S.O.S. Walk at Northwest last year for KQ2 in St. Joseph as a reporter.

This year she returned with the Schmidts.

"I have so much admiration for this family," Vanatta said. "I am in awe over how they have turned their tragedy into this campaign to prevent this from happening to somebody else."

The Schmidts spoke about safety on campus, common sense rules and men's roles in preventing such crimes.

They were pleased with the attendance and particularly happy with the number of male students that attended the event. According to the Schmidts, when they speak at other colleges and universities they have one, two or only a handful of males in attendance.

They also urged all in attendance not to let the memories of Hawkins and Schmidt disappear.

"Stephanie no longer has a voice," Peggy said. "So, we must continue to speak out for both her and Karen."

Taking care of each other and keeping the Northwest tradition alive was also stressed by the Schmidts.

"Every time we leave Northwest we feel rejuvenated," Gene said. "The turnout is phenomenal, and it keeps getting better every year."

Mellon was happy with the participants' response.

"I think it brought a sense of realism to our new members," she said. "Tonight there were tears and emotions, and I think they truly understand what this event means to this campus and to the women of Tri-Sigma."

At one point in the evening, all members of Tri-Sigma joined hands in a "circle of sisters" to sing and reflect on the event as well as to give thanks to the Schmidts, the Hawkinses and Mellon.

Participants looked on in silence and respect as the Sigmas participated in the circle, which has been a tradition at the event since its inception.

"All year long, we get caught up in homework, Homecoming hours and our other activities," Tri-Sigma Melanie Coleman said. "Tonight was a chance for us to remember how special our sorority is to all of us and what makes us all so close."

Mellon spoke of passing the torch to the next generation of Tri-Sigmas and urged them all to help keep the event, as well as memories of Hawkins, alive.

As those in attendance filed slowly from the Conference Center to begin the silent walk across campus, the dark clouds that had covered the skies all day long parted, and the moon and stars lit the night sky as much of the Northwest community fell silent to remember lost sisters, friends and peers.

## Election forum gives residents insight on issues

by Kimberly Mason  
Missourian Reporter

The Nodaway County Courthouse was full of Maryville residents Tuesday during the open forum for candidates running in the upcoming general election.

The forum provided an opportunity for residents to pose questions and concerns about candidates' stances on issues.

The longest question and answer sessions took place between the State Representative candidates and the State Senate candidates. The State Representative race sees the face off of Democratic challenger Bridget Brown and Republican incumbent Rex Barnett. The State Senate race sees the face off of Republican incumbent Sam Graves and Democratic challenger Beth Wheeler.

Brown, Maryville mayor, said in her opening remarks, "I do indeed sincerely understand communities from the bottom up."

Brown said the community needs strong representation in Jefferson City and said better roads, lower taxes and "affordable, accessible and understandable health care," are among her priorities.

"Education is, I believe, vitally important to our future," Brown said. "We must be aware that we have to take care of people and



Republican incumbent Sam Graves and Democratic challenger Beth Wheeler discuss issues during a candidate forum Tuesday evening at the Maryville Courthouse.

John Petrovic/Missourian Photographer

we have to give them the tools to take care of themselves."

Barnett informed the audience of the committees he was on in Jefferson City, which include agriculture, criminal law, higher education and transportation.

Barnett said the use of methamphetamines is a serious problem in Missouri. While he was vice-president of the criminal law sub-committee, it passed the "toughest anti-meth bill in the nation," he said.

While Barnett served as the vice-chairman on the transportation committee, the Accountability Act was passed, which ensures completion of transportation projects within their scheduled time period.

Barnett said he hopes to return to Jefferson City so he can build on the trust he established there and can continue to work for the citizens of Nodaway County.

After a break, Wheeler and Graves answered questions from the floor. They were asked how they felt about the comment, "politics is the art of compromise."

Incumbent Graves replied politics entails "lots of compromise and lots of battles." He said, "It's give and take all the way."

Wheeler commented on the idea saying "We want the same things and when we recognize why each of us wants these things, that's when the real progress begins."

James Newport, Reform party candidate for United States Senator, was present at the forum. He told the audience he was running because he wants to give the people more choices for senator. Presiding commissioner candidates Dennis Pierson and Lester Keith were present to state their platforms, as were recorder of deeds candidates Donna Carmichael and Rosie Archer.

## Voters prepare to decide issues

by Toru Yamauchi  
Senior Reporter

Candidates are entering final planning stages, and preparing for Tuesday: judgment day.

Both nationally and locally, election results will mean a lot to the entire Democratic and Republican parties, since the gaps of both parties' representatives are close.

U.S. House of Representative

The U.S. House of Representatives currently consists of 228 Republicans, 206 Democrats and one Independent. In the Missouri 6th District, Democrat incumbent Pat Danner will seek her fourth term as a representative, while Republican Jeff Bailey will challenge her again after his loss in 1996.

Ron Faucheux, editor in chief of *Campaigns & Elections* magazine, favored Danner to be re-elected 6 to 1 at the magazine's home page.

Republicans lead U.S. Senate seats 55 to 45, but the terms of 16 Republicans and 18 Democrats have expired.

U.S. Senate, Missouri senatorial election In Missouri, Democrat Jay Nixon, Missouri attorney general, will challenge Republican incumbent Kit Bond, who will seek his third term as U.S. Senator.

Faucheux predicted Bond to be favored for re-election over Nixon 3 to 2.

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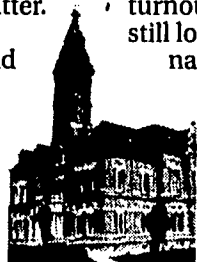


## Our View

## Turnout at polls needs to increase

As election day approaches, it is time again to evaluate the incumbents, look at the challenges and decide who will be the best leader to protect our interests.

But all too often, we as citizens have the attitude that our vote doesn't matter. Or worse yet, we are too lazy to go to the polls and vote. Some say they are too busy, some just don't make the time. They believe all politicians are crooked and it doesn't matter who is voted in.



Those same people are more likely to be the ones that complain about government issues and the people in office. If you don't vote, then you don't have the right to criticize, that right is gained at the polls. Voicing our opinions and electing those candidates who best represent us is the only way our government will improve.

The older generation has the right mentality. They believe voting is a freedom we have, and it is a freedom that should be taken seriously. We need to remember it is a privilege to vote. We have become a society that takes these things for granted. There should be no excuse for low voter turnout.

Some companies will, if asked, allow their employees to be late to work on election day or take a longer time to vote.

However, most companies have shifts that allow employees to vote before or after work.

Both Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. and Eveready Battery Co. Inc. said they don't have a problem with workers leaving early or taking longer breaks.

Even though there is no excuse for not voting, voter turnout in Nodaway County is still low. Voter turnout across the nation is at a point where it is almost frightening. County Clerk John Zimmerman said the number of citizens registered to vote in the county has hovered around 12,000 to 13,000 since 1994. The number of eligible voters is around 16,000.

The recent August primaries brought the lowest voter turnout in Nodaway County ever, according to Zimmerman, with approximately 9 percent voting.

During the 1996 presidential election, voter turnout in Nodaway County was 8,544. This turnout was lower than the 1994 election, which had a turnout of 8,926.

Many times college students find voting a hassle because it is difficult to determine where to register to vote away from home and how to fill out absentee ballot forms.

But, if our generation continues to have this complacent attitude, our voices will be unheard. It is our generation that will lead the country in the next millennium.

We need to take our roles as citizens more seriously, so get informed and make it to the polls Tuesday.

One of the many reasons children don't Trick-or-Treat in the Residence Halls.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!



## Viewpoint

## 'Shop Maryville' promotes community prosperity



Kathy Rice

Money spent in local businesses helps overall welfare of citizens

"Shop Maryville" and "Think Nodaway First." We've seen these campaigns for years, but do we actually think about their implications for Maryville and our way of life?

Several businesses have closed in the past few weeks and at least one more is in the process of closing. In light of these events, I thought a discussion of Maryville economics might be in order. Money spent in Maryville is what the local economy thrives on. Sales taxes are collected. That money goes to our streets, our Public Safety, our Mozingo, our country roads and bridges. People buy or rent homes, buy cars, etc., which means personal and real property taxes are collected, which go to our schools, our ambulance district, our library, our swimming pool, our Sheltered Workshop, our fire department, our city and county governments, etc.

Money spent in Maryville provides increased goods and services. Businesses grow in thriving economic environments. New businesses are attracted. Jobs are created, leading to increased demand for those goods and services. Yes, "Shop Maryville" and "Think Nodaway First" are worthwhile slogans in keeping prosperity and the good life we treasure here in Maryville.

Maryville is entering the busy Christmas shopping season. The Maryville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Holiday Open House on Saturday, Nov. 21. "Shop Maryville." Take this opportunity to look over the many goods and

services that are available in Maryville. "Think Nodaway First" when you need a gift for friends and family, large purchases or small, or yourself. Money spent in Maryville helps our economy, our friends, our neighbors, our relatives, our town and country.

I've been involved with the downtown Heart of the City group for the past four years. I'm currently its chairwoman. As a group, we have widely differing products and services, but we have a lot of things in common.

Small businesses, locally owned sole proprietorships, partnerships or small corporations, with the owner taking an active part in the day-to-day operations of the business. One of the constant challenges we have faced as individual businesses is how to let consumers know about the products and services that are available.

Maryville has so many positive aspects. Lovely parks, safe streets, friendly people, excellent schools, the cultural diversity of the University and a multitude of goods and services are available to the people who live here and visit. This is how Maryville and the other communities of Nodaway County support their citizens.

"Shop Maryville" and "Think Nodaway First" are not only slogans, but how we support these positive aspects of our lives.

Kathy Rice is the owner of Movie Magic

## It's Your Turn

What can be done to make Northwest a safer place than it already is?



"There needs to be more lighting."

Amanda Lindgren, agriculture business major



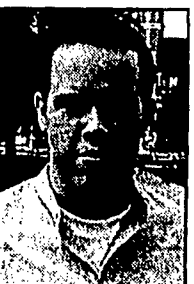
"More lighting at night by North Complex by the breezeway."

Trista Ide, accounting and agriculture business major



"I think it is pretty safe already but it might need more lights around the sidewalks. Maybe if Campus Safety could walk around at night, too, to make sure people walking were safer."

Dawn Jensen, psychology/sociology major



"I think it's safe already. I feel comfortable here."

Jason McCale, business management major



"I am not here much because I live off campus. It seems pretty safe. They could use more lighting on the sidewalks at the library."

Mike Morley, corporate recreation major



"There needs to be more lighting around the bookstore by North Complex."

Kara Rollins, elementary education major

Kenton Wilcox  
GALTAN member and co-coordinator of events and discussions

## My Turn

## Student voices concerns, questions professor's action



Heather Butler

As an active student at Northwest I have a great deal of pride for the University and the people that represent it.

I am proud not only of the stamp of approval that was bestowed upon us when

we received the Missouri Quality Award, but also for the influential professors we look to for advice and guidance.

However, I was ashamed and disappointed by the actions of Professor Richard Fulton at Hazel O'Leary's distinguished lecture.

It was five minutes after 8 p.m. Students and administrators were still filling in the doors to be seated for the lecture. O'Leary was standing next to the stage engaged in conversation with the introducer, student activities director Brian Vanosdale and myself.

Three minutes later O'Leary was still talking to us, waiting for everyone to get settled, when she was rudely interrupted by Fulton standing up out of his chair and pointing out that it was eight minutes after the hour and the lecture was supposed to begin at 8 p.m.

We all stood awkwardly next to her, not knowing how to explain the rude behavior displayed by one of our own professors.

Noticing our embarrassment, she made a quick comment that she has dealt with a lot worse in Washington and replied with a smile to Fulton that she was ready to begin.

Witnessing Fulton's behavior made me think of a viewpoint written Sept. 21 by Steven Brown titled, "Students' lack of respect unnecessary in stadium."

If you didn't catch the article, it was basically about how students' offensive language and actions at football games reflect badly on the University.

How can we as students be criticized for offensive language at a football game when one of our mentors conducts himself in such a manner that he disrespects one of our distinguished speakers at a lecture and embarrasses the students who witnessed it?

I recognize there are considerable differences in the comparison of the two situations. What ties them together is the concern for the reputation of our University.

Professor Fulton, and others with his disregard of civility should take into consideration, the next time he chooses to yell at one of the most powerful women in America, that she has earned the right to wait eight minutes for more students to come in.

O'Leary was doing Northwest a favor by coming to the University and letting us hear his wisdom. Professor Fulton made me hang my head in disgrace.

Heather Butler is the features editor of The Northwest Missourian.

## Letters to the Editor

## Independents active

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in regards to the Oct. 15 Stroller article. "Our Man" wrote about and sang the praises of the Greek organizations on campus and what a great job they did during Homecoming, and he had it right, they did do a great job. But I would like to let "Our Man" know, and maybe perhaps clarify for him, that there were more participants than what he wrote about.

There were many independent organizations and individuals that made Homecoming a success. For example, all of the residence halls completed house decorations, so did International Student Organization, which came in first.

There were also many organizations that competed in the parade and made a great showing for themselves: Sigma Society, ISO, Horace Mann, Residence Hall Association, American Association of Consumer Sciences, Bearcat Sweethearts, Sigma Alpha, Tau Phi Upsilon, Country Faith and Alliance of Black Collegians.

There were also many independents that helped the Homecoming committee in many different aspects, whether that be backstage at the Variety Show, hosting the Variety Show, being on the committee itself or just being one of those folks that worked endlessly without endless thanks.

Don't get me wrong, I love The Stroller and I think he is probably a great guy, but I just thought I would inform "Our Man" of the other folks on this campus that also put in a lot of hard work. Speaking as an independent, we may not have as much money as Greek organizations do, but our pride, effort and Bearcat spirit run just as deep. I would like to say, however, congratulations and a great job to all of those that made Homecoming a great success, including independents.

Jealaine Vaccaro  
english major

## Concerns voiced

Dear Editor,  
By now most of you know of Matthew Shepherd, the boy who was assaulted and killed by two Wyoming homophobes.

Although Shepherd's death was shocking in its brutality, this crime came as no great surprise to gays. The only surprise was that finally a story was making anti-gay violence national news.

Last Thursday's vigil, honoring Shepherd alongside all victims of violence, was a quiet, solemn success, as was Friday's conversation between members of GALTAN (Northwest's Gay-Straight alliance) and officials from Campus Safety and Maryville Public Safety, despite the low turnout. Throughout these recent events, several points have been made which bear repetition.

Matthew Shepherd was not killed because he was gay, but this is not to support the argument that Shepherd's death was merely the result of a "robbery gone wrong," as some have said. The terrible brutality of Shepherd's death was the outcome of the assailants' homophobia. As when blacks are lynched or women raped, it is not the victims identity that creates the crime, but the inability of the criminals to recognize their victims as humans equal to themselves. Shepherd was killed because his killers were bigots.

Regardless of one's attitude toward homosexuality, one had best remember that, even if Missouri's hate crimes law doesn't cover sexual orientation, everyone is equal under the law. Campus Safety and Maryville Public Safety officers have made it clear that they will seek to prosecute anyone who commits a violent crime against anyone else. This does not mean only physical violence: under law, free speech does not grant one the right to threaten or heap verbal abuse upon anyone else. Shepherd police will take reports on any homophobic

behavior, and will keep records of such incidents, which can be used as evidence if the perpetrator either commits a graver act or simply repeats the same one. Likewise, we all have the duty to report such incidents should they occur.

Unless one's actions bring harm, all citizens, including gays, have certain inalienable rights, as granted by Missouri's Constitution, the Constitution of the United States and the three United Nations Declarations of the Rights of Citizens, of Women and of Children. Maryville's homophobes repeatedly win. Many good, talented, industrious people come to Maryville yearly but leave again to find more welcome homes. This is Maryville's loss, and it is especially the University's.

On Nov. 30, a large committee is meeting to determine how to bring to Northwest a greater variety of students and faculty, with the tacit understanding that the greater the plurality of voices, the better the education of every student. Either then or sometime shortly before, GALTAN will be meeting again with local officers and with the members of any other organization that wishes to help bring about this goal. We will discuss ways in which we can get to better know and understand one another. GALTAN will also be launching a campaign to offer people on campus and off stickers they can put on their doors.

These stickers will read something to the effect of, "Zero Tolerance for Intolerance, Zero Tolerance for Violence." People can put them on the doors of their homes, residence hall rooms, offices, stores, etc. Doing so, they will say, "here is a friend."

GALTAN meets at 4 p.m. on Thursdays in 3250 Colden Hall. These meetings are open to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation.

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# Election '98: Where they stand

## State Senate District 12 candidates



**Sam Graves**  
...Republican  
incumbent for  
State Senate

**Residence:** Tarkio

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in agriculture, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Experience, qualifications:** Two years in the House of Representatives; four years in the Senate; farmer; father; small business owner

**On running:** To continue the fight for equity in education funding, lower taxes, less government and better roads and bridges. To represent working families, education, small businesses and agriculture in the Missouri Senate.



**Beth Wheeler**  
...Democratic  
challenger for  
State Senate

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from Missouri Western, master's degree from Central Missouri State

**Experience, qualifications:** State representative, 1986-92; director of legislative affairs for Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, 1993-95; vice president for community relations at Northwest, 1995-98

**On running:** We deserve and need a voice that will be heard in state government. I believe north Missouri has been poorly represented in the Missouri Senate.

## State Representative District 4 candidates



**Rex Barnett**  
...Republican  
incumbent for  
State Representative

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** Trenton Junior College; Draughn Business College and traffic training course at Central Missouri State

**Experience, qualifications:** State representative elected in 1994 and 1996; Missouri State Highway Patrol officer for 32 years in northwest Missouri

**On running:** I've spent most of my adult life enforcing laws. I have enjoyed participating in the process of making laws the last four years. I've been active in some of our most important legislation this session. I hope to continue that.



**Bridget Brown**  
...Democratic  
challenger for  
State Representative

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in English from Sam Houston State; master's degree from Northwest

**Experience, qualifications:** Sixth year on the Maryville City Council; second year as Maryville mayor; Missouri Municipal League board of directors, northwest region past president

**On running:** We need a stronger voice and greater vision in Jefferson City entering the 21st century. My background and conviction that we need a regional approach to future solutions qualify me to serve the people of this district.

## Nodaway County presiding commissioner candidates



**Lester Keith**  
...Democratic  
incumbent for  
presiding  
commissioner

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** Maryville High School

**Experience, qualifications:** presiding commissioner for 12 years; former Maryville mayor; City Council member for six years; former Maryville Public Safety director; worked at Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank; Farmer's Insurance agent

**On running:** I would like to continue the economic development of Nodaway County. To continue the growth and the same track of road that we're going now but keeping up with the times and the changes that need to be done.



**Dennis Pierson**  
...Republican  
challenger for  
presiding  
commissioner

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** attended Northwest

**Experience, qualifications:** first attempt to join political field; Show Me Inn, Noble's Car Wash and T & T Car Wash owner

**On running:** I would like to see the roads on the outlying part of Maryville improved. The way it is now, half those roads belong to the city, half belong to the township, and that's the reason they aren't maintained very well. It doesn't seem like we have enough cooperation between the county officials and the city and township.

## Nodaway County recorder of deeds candidates



**Donna Carmichael**  
...Democratic  
incumbent for  
recorder of deeds

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** attended Northwest

**Experience, qualifications:** Recorder of deeds for 12 years; deputy recorder of deeds for 14 years; Sears, Roebuck and Company for 10 years in the credit department and also as catalog order manager

**On running:** It has been an honor and a pleasure keeping your vital records for you. With your trust and confidence, I look forward to continuing to serve with the quality service people have received in the past and deserve in the future.



**Rosie Archer**  
...Republican  
challenger for  
recorder of deeds

**Residence:** Maryville

**Education:** attended Northwest

**Experience, qualifications:** 15 years in St. Gregory Catholic School, worked for the Nodaway Valley Bank and Citizens State Bank as a bookkeeper and teller

**On running:** I would like this opportunity to bring new energy, new enthusiasm to the recorder of deeds office. I plan, over the next four years, to serve you by accurately and efficiently continuing the recording and preserving Nodaway County's history.

## ELECTION '98

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Three million Missouri voters will determine the senatorial race. Bond said his 23 years of experience has made him more effective to represent the interest of Missouri residents.

Nixon said he wants to represent Missouri's mainstream value of hard work, education and respect.

Missouri House of Representatives In the state level, the gaps of the two parties are within a dozen. Democrats lead Republicans 86 to 75 in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Republican incumbent Rex Barnett will face Democrat challenger and Maryville Mayor Bridget Brown in the 4th district race, which includes Atchison, Nodaway and Worth counties.

State Senate In the Missouri Senate, terms of 17 seats out of 34 expired. Democrats lead Republicans 19 to 15.

The senatorial race between Republican incumbent Sam Graves and Democratic challenger Beth Wheeler in the 12th district includes 16 counties.

Graves, former state House Representative and Tarkio farmer, will seek his second term as senator. Wheeler, former director of legislative affairs for Gov. Mel Carnahan and former vice president for community relations at Northwest, lives in Maryville.

Missouri state auditor In the Missouri government, only the term of state auditor expired.

Since incumbent Republican Margaret Kelly resigned the position, the battle is between Democrat Claire McCaskill and Republican Charles Pierce.

Amendment 9 Besides legislative elections, Missouri voters will determine the fate of nine amendments, including Amendment 9, whether casinos on artificial water can continue their operations.

Along with these amendments, Proposition A asks voters whether it should be illegal to bait or fight animals.

Judicial ballot

Western District voters will decide whether two judges in Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District can continue.

The judges are Victor Howard and Albert Riederer.

Nodaway County, Presiding Commissioner

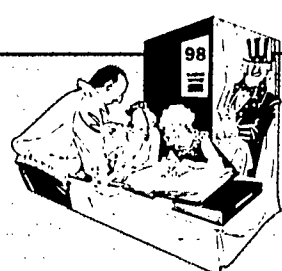
Several Nodaway County offices are up for election, including associate circuit judge, county commissioner, presiding commissioner, county clerk, recorder of deeds and prosecuting attorney.

However, only two races among those will have competitors.

Democrat Dennis Pierson will challenge incumbent Republican Lester Keith to become the presiding commissioner.

Pierson said he wants to fix the streets in city limits where half of them belong to Maryville and townships because those have been ignored.

He said cooperation between Maryville and the county is a necessity.



## Election '98 Where to vote

Election polls will open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

1. Residents who live southeast of Third and Main streets will vote at the Margaret Davison Complex, located at the intersection of East Cooper and South Laura streets.

2. Residents who live southwest of Third and Main streets will vote at the Community Services Inc. building located at 214 W. Third St.

3. Residents who live northwest of Third and Main streets (including Northwest students who live in residence halls) will vote at the First Christian Church located at the corner of Third and Buchanan streets.

4. Residents who live northeast of Third and Main streets will vote at Maryville City Hall at 415 N. Market

Keith said he wants to develop and maintain the same track of roads, while keeping up with necessary changes.

Recorder of deeds

Another competitive county race is between incumbent Democrat Donna Carmichael and Republican challenger Rosie Archer for the recorder of deeds position.

Carmichael said her experiences and knowledge, as recorder for 12 years and deputy recorder for 14 years, qualify her for a fourth term.

Archer, employed at St. Gregory's Catholic School for 15 years, said she wants to make the office more efficient and do the job accurately.

Maryville sales tax increase

Maryville residents will decide if they agree with a sales tax increase for Parks and Recreation program improvements.

If the voters pass the legislation, Maryville will impose a sales tax of one-eighth of 1 percent.

## Brekke joins City Council; club house bids rejected

by Toru Yamauchi  
Senior Reporter

A new councilman was sworn in to Maryville City Council Monday to finish the term.

Jerry Brekke was appointed by Maryville Mayor Bridget Brown to fill the seat left vacant by former councilman Jerry Riggs. Riggs resigned when he moved out of the city limits.

Brekke said he was appointed because he has experience as a councilman and will not seek re-election when his term expires in April.

He told Brown he would serve, although he did not approach her about the vacancy.

"I certainly did not request it," Brekke said.

"But since they asked me, I guess it's kind of a compliment to be asked. I certainly think it's an important job, so I'm willing to help out."

Brown's term as councilwoman will expire

too, and the deadline to file applications for April's election is Nov. 17.

In other business, the Council rejected the bids for the second floor Mazingo Golf Course Club House renovations.

City Manager David Angerer reported the bid prices were much higher than city engineers recommended.

Only two local companies, Sears-O'Riley and Smith Construction, bid on the renovations, but their prices were more than the city wanted to spend. The city only expected to spend up to \$125,000, Angerer said.

The council decided to advertise the bids again for 30 days, expanding the invitations to companies in larger cities, including Kansas City and Omaha.



**Jerry Brekke**

## Boats in moats debate to be decided Tuesday

■ Voters to determine fate of Amendment 9

by Toru Yamauchi  
Senior Reporter

Missouri voters will decide whether casinos can continue operating gambling facilities on artificial water Tuesday.

Amendment 9 to the Missouri Constitution, if passed, would approve licenses to operate gambling in spaces containing water within 1,000 feet of either the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

The issue was raised when the Missouri Supreme Court ruled a gambling boat on a moat was violating the constitution earlier this year.

If the amendment does not pass, 10 gambling facilities in the state could be forced to shut down.

Stan Hall, St. Joseph Frontier Casino campaign coordinator for northwest Missouri for Fairness and Jobs, said the amendment should pass because gambling revenues are an important part of the state economy.

"It actually will keep other taxes down because if you don't get those taxes, you have to get the money from somewhere else," Hall said.

Anti-gambling groups disagree with Hall.

Mark Albee, Maryville First Baptist Church pastor, said most studies show gambling does not lead to a better

economy. "Closing some of the casinos will not negatively affect the (economy)," Albee said. "We will have a positive effect on the economy, overall."

Sam Graves, Republican state senator, said relying on gambling revenues is dangerous to the state.

"I think the state has become far too dependent on gambling for revenues," Graves said. "I think it created a lot of problems. We should not be depending on gambling revenue to float the state."

Another issue is the loss of jobs. Four-hundred employees at Frontier Casino will be unemployed if the amendment does not pass, Hall said.

He said if the amendment is

not approved, Frontier Casino may consider reopening the old boat near downtown St. Joseph, which was operated on the river.

However, the employment issue is not solved.

"We do have an old boat, but it's much smaller and still costs us a lot of jobs," Hall said. "We will lose all the food services, all the social places, meeting rooms and everything plus many, many employees that were needed for the new one."

Albee said although casinos have employed many people, "the loss of jobs doesn't justify the gambling issue."

"Just like any business that closes, the market will pick up somewhere else to allow those people to find jobs," Albee said.

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# Cable dispute ongoing

by Toru Yamauchi  
Senior Reporter

Cable franchise negotiations between Classic Cable and Maryville still remain uncertain, although Classic agreed to accept the city's demands.

Classic's representatives agreed with the city's engineers, Burns and McDonnell of Kansas City and City Manager David Angerer in technical matters of the cable line renovations, Angerer said. However, the city did not receive a guarantee of their approval.

Angerer said he requested Classic pay a \$200 fine per day until it builds the new cable line that satisfies the city's standard. He also asked Classic to pay a \$250,000 bond if they do not construct the new cable lines as promised.

Angerer also requested Classic to pay a \$50,000 performance bond to make sure Classic will operate in an appropriate manner.

Steven Seach, Classic president, later called Angerer and said the prices of bonds and fines are too expensive, Angerer said.

Now the city is in a position to enforce its guidelines, he said.

"They can't promise us a Cadillac and substitute with something else," he said.

Seach was not available for comment at press time.

Classic and the city will continue to negotiate until Classic agrees with the "enforcement provisions," Angerer said.

Classic's franchise in Maryville expired in September, and currently the city is renewing its contract on a monthly basis.

Classic is attempting to extend its contract for another 15 years. If the city's guidelines are met, the new cable system will have more channels and better quality pictures. Also, it can lead to data transmission and Internet access, Angerer said.

Classic can earn \$18 million during the next contract period, while upgrading the system costs about \$2 million, he said.

**Quick reader:**  
A fast grasp on the situation.

**How are the negotiations progressing?**  
Classic Cable has agreed to meet Maryville's requests and will renovate cable lines.

**Why?**  
Classic Cable wants to extend its franchise contract with Maryville for 15 years. The city wants the cable system to be updated.

**What is the issue?**  
Maryville requested Classic Cable pay guaranteed money so the job is finished to the city's standards.

# Teachers promote violence education

by Angela Patton  
Missourian Reporter

This spring two 15-year-old boys were arrested in Ryan, Okla., for threatening to bomb their high school and kill a teacher. And in Spokane, Wash., a list of teachers to be killed was found on a middle school bathroom wall. In December, a 14-year-old boy fired on a school prayer group in West Paducah, Ky., killing three.

When Marilyn Rhea began teaching 25 years ago, school violence did not cross her mind, and it was never addressed in her college classes.

"We had very few practical classes on classroom management 25 years ago," said Rhea, director of choral activities at Maryville High School. "They were much more concerned about preparing us as singers and instrumentalists than they were on preparing us as teachers."

When Shelby Scarbrough, sixth grade teacher, began college, she never thought school violence would become such a prevalent issue. She graduated in 1995 having discussed the issue only briefly.

"In all the classes, we were made to think that school was a safe haven for kids," Scarbrough said. "It didn't come into account that maybe it was another student that might cause the violence in the classroom."

When Wendy Wilson began taking education classes at Northwest three years ago, she found the issue of school violence being discussed more frequently but still not in-depth.

"For the inner city teachers, I think they might just be thrown into the classroom and not know how to deal with it," said Wilson, education major.

Many schools now educate their teachers about how to deal with possible issues they might face in teaching and to detect warning signs in hopes of deterring potential problems.

"I think anybody who ignores the possibility of violence in public schools has probably got their head in the sand," Rhea said.

Rhea cited possible reasons for the steady increase in school violence.

"I think we're way too liberal in our access to guns in America as a whole," Rhea said. "Secondly, I think kids are desensitized to violence from the movies and television. Thirdly, I think that we have to in-



tervene earlier." Scarbrough also said starting early in teaching children what is and is not acceptable behavior may help.

"I have a 5-year-old and a 3-year-old at home, and I see the minute they have social interaction with other kids their age or adults that they need to become aware of things as simple as manners and respect," Scarbrough said. "If people had more respect for themselves and others, there may not be as much violence as there is today."

Rhea said some solutions to the rise in school violence include giving schools some "legal teeth" as well as continuing prevention programs such as Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education, which is often started in kindergarten.

"I think the D.A.R.E. program is making a real impact because the younger the student, the more they are willing to listen to authority," Rhea said.

Washington Middle School also uses a program called Conflict Resolution, a class taught by the counselor.

"It helps kids deal with conflict whether it's with themselves, with a peer, with a parent, or with a teacher," Scarbrough said.

Even though Rhea feels she is now adequately prepared to handle situations of school violence, she is concerned with its increasing escalation.

"We tend to go from disagreement to knife or gun," Rhea said.

Rhea credits parenthood as being the hardest job in the world; however, she also believes preventing this problem "starts at home."

"I think that as hard as it is to be the parent of a teen-ager, they need to know where you think right and wrong is," Rhea said.

"The best I can do here is to try and reinforce the things that I think keep their kids safe, keep them in a learning environment and try to be aware of when I can intervene."

# Spider bite causes death of 7-year-old student

by Kimberly Mansfield  
Missourian Reporter

The death of a child is difficult to accept, especially when it may have been caused by a creature encountered on a daily basis.

"Realizing she died over a spider bite ... I guess getting over that is a big part," said Bruce Johnson, superintendent of Gentry County R-II schools.

On October 14, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Bobbi Jo Johnson, Stanberry, went to the school nurse.

"She complained of an itching on her back," School Nurse Denise Evans said. "I couldn't find anything, but I put some calamine lotion where she said it itched."

At approximately 12:35 p.m., Bobbi Jo returned to the nurse, complaining of a stomach ache and a headache. Upon taking Bobbi Jo's temperature, the nurse discovered it to be about 99.2 degrees. Within a few minutes, it was up to 100 degrees. Her mother, Michelle Johnson, picked her up at approximately 1 p.m.

Bobbi Jo died at 3:50 a.m. Oct. 15 at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. She died of complications believed to be caused by a brown recluse spider bite. However, there are no tests to prove this theory, so it will never be 100 percent sure, Dr. Gary Wasserman said.

Wasserman, doctor of oste-

opathy, chief of section of clinical toxicology and director of the Poison Control Center at Children's Mercy, was present at the autopsy. Wasserman is the world's expert on brown recluse spiders, according to Dr. Marvin Combs, Gentry County Coroner.

Wasserman said the symptoms pointed to a brown recluse spider bite. Some of Bobbi Jo's symptoms included a headache, nausea, vomiting, a rash on her stomach and legs and a backache.

Bobbi Jo's body had two very serious reactions that ultimately caused her death.

"Her body reactions were that her blood had trouble clotting and her red blood cells were bursting," Wasserman said. "She lost so much oxygen. The combination was deadly. She lost at least 50 percent of her red blood cells and that left her with little ability to carry oxygen."

Wasserman confirmed she had been at a plateau, so to speak, when the symptoms came. Because they all hit simultaneously and quickly, little could be done to help.

"She may have been bitten the night before, and the symptoms appeared later," Wasserman said.

The school's faculty found out about Bobbi Jo's death early that morning, giving them time to prepare before the students arrived for school.

"We have a crisis plan," Johnson. "We met with teachers and told them the facts. The teachers were very upset, but luckily, they had time to compose themselves before the students arrived. We had two clergy and three counselors there."

Teachers spent the entire day in the classroom going over things about death. The children in Bobbi Jo's class wrote cards to the family.

"It meant a lot to the family, and it helped them (the children) deal with it," Johnson said.

Johnson spoke of there being some sort of memorial for Bobbi Jo in the spring to celebrate her life, possibly by planting a tree.

Bobbi Jo's class seems to be handling her death well, even though they are shocked and sad.

"The counselor said to try to continue class as normal," said JoAnne Lewis, Bobbi Jo's second grade teacher. "Bobbi Jo is never out of our thoughts."

The 14 members of her class mention her frequently, and many went to her funeral.

"It's only natural to talk about her," Lewis said. "I think talking about her helps. The kids say 'Bobbi Jo is an angel now.' They seem to accept that."

According to her mother, Bobbi Jo loved tee ball, tap dance and school.



■ The Brown Recluse is not an aggressive spider. Named appropriately, it seeks and prefers seclusion. These spiders are adaptable and may be active in temperatures ranging from 45 to 110 degrees.

■ Most people who have been bitten came into direct contact with the spider while putting on rarely used clothing or shoes. Fatalities are rare, but bites are most dangerous to children, the elderly and those in poor physical condition.

■ Symptoms depend on the severity of a person's reaction to the bite which depends on the amount of venom injected. The open wound may range from the size of an adult's thumbnail to the span of a hand.

■ If you are bitten, remain calm, and collect the spider, if possible. Apply antiseptic solution to prevent infection and ice packs to relieve local swelling and pain directly to the bite area, and get medical attention immediately.

■ Preventive measures can be taken to avoid being bitten. Shake out clothing and shoes that have been stored for months and inspect bedding and towels before using them. Eliminate cluttered areas in basement, closets, attics and other undisturbed areas. Install screens on doors and window to prevent spiders from entering.

For more information, go to <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ohioline/hyg-fact/2000/206.1.html>.

## In Brief

### Organization forum discusses safety

Northwest's homosexual-straight alliance GALTAN sponsored an open forum Friday to discuss solutions to make Maryville safe for gays and lesbians.

Maryville Public Safety Lt. Ron Christian and Investigator Randy Strong predicted the actual incidence of violent crimes against homosexuals is higher than what the reports show in part because the acts go unreported and there is nothing in the reports to differentiate a hate-crime related assault and a typical bar fight.

The officials, along with Campus Safety Director Clarence Green, suggested people file reports of verbal harassment as well. Public Safety of-

ficials said often the disorderly conduct and peace disturbance statutes apply.

Green said written documentation of an incident on campus could further be handled by the University under its zero-tolerance anti-discrimination policy.

GALTAN also discussed building coalitions with other organizations and community members to make it clear violence and bigotry will not be tolerated.

The group hopes to work toward achieving this by distributing stickers sending the message to those who might be violent that this is not the place for it. They hope the symbol, placed on doors on- and off-campus, will become recognized by victims and potential victims of hate crimes to signify a safe place they can go for help.

### Basic car repair information taught

Members of a recreational programming course are sponsoring a basic car repair seminar from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Agricultural Mechanics Building.

There is no charge for the event and participants will learn how to change oil and tires among other repairs. Door prizes will also be awarded.

### Society sponsors 'Paws to Recycle'

The Maryville Animal Shelter, managed by New Nodaway County Humane Society, is sponsoring a "Paws to Recycle" fund-raiser during the fall months.

The drive involves recycling aluminum cans to be redeemed for money and pet food.

The local shelter is competing with others across the nation to draw attention to the environment and animals and earn \$3,000.

People are asked to take clean cans to the shelter on U.S. Highway 36 east of Maryville, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 562-3333 or 582-7337.

### Alumni fund-raiser on way to final goal

The 1998-99 Alumni Phone-a-thon, "Callin' All Cats," kicked off with a Greek Challenge.

Greek organizations competed to win money and other prizes and

raised \$55,416 of this year's \$175,000 goal.

Phi Sigma Kappa won with \$11,505 and second place went to Phi Mu with \$10,006.

Greek volunteers raised \$16,583 more than Challenge participants last year.

University Advancement will employ students for the rest of the year to try to surpass the goal.

### Professor, alumna join for piano recital

Music professor Richard Bobb will present a lecture recital at 8 p.m. today in the Charles Johnson Theater.

He will present Mozart's Piano Concerto in A Major, K. 414 and will be accompanied by alumna Regina Swofford.

### Conferences cause class cancellation

Maryville R-II School District will cancel classes for parent/teacher conferences Friday.

Conferences will be at Maryville High School from 4 to 8 p.m. today and from 8 to 11 a.m. Friday. Grade cards will be distributed. Northwest Technical School teachers will also be available at those times in their classrooms.

Colleges and Armed Forces representatives will be available in the gym to answer student and parent questions regarding career options.

Washington Middle School conferences continue from 3 to 7 p.m. today. Eugene Field Elementary School teachers scheduled personal conferences with parents.

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# Reaching for help

■ **Cancer survivors**  
gain strength through  
friends, each other

by **Angela Patton**  
Missourian Reporter

The Reach to Recovery program allows volunteers the opportunity to reach out to other women, share experiences and offer support in times of need.

Reach to Recovery became a program of the American Cancer Society in 1969, providing support for the emotional, physical and cosmetic needs of women with breast cancer.

"My doctors and my medical team were very supportive, but I still needed to hear from a survivor," said Muriel Zimmerman, who has been cancer free for five years. "My Reach to Recovery person that came to visit me in the hospital had been cancer-free for over a year and really gave me a lot of hope."

Program volunteer visitors must be out of treatment for one year.

Zimmerman volunteered for the program on the day she was one year post-treatment and is the current coordinator for Nodaway County.

One evening Zimmerman arrived at home from work late and found a message on her answering machine from a woman who had just undergone surgery and

needed to talk to a volunteer.

"Even though she was very pleased with her medical team, she really was desperate to talk with someone who had been there," Zimmerman said. "I went out to see her and sat there and held her hand. I listened and talked with her. She said, as kind and sweet and caring as everyone else seemed to be, she had to talk to someone who had been there."

Reach to Recovery visitors demonstrate exercises, explain information and answer questions. Volunteers also visit women before and after their surgeries.

Zimmerman began the breast cancer support group in Maryville five years ago with a half dozen members.

Now, she has a list of over 60. Zimmerman believes the group is a good follow-up to the Reach to Recovery program in that it provides a way to stay in touch with one another.

"I had read some breast cancer research that showed, regardless of the stages of cancer, people involved in a support group benefited greatly, emotionally or physically, and lived an average of 18 months longer," Zimmerman said. "We all need support from each other. I needed to be with other cancer survivors."

The support group meets the fourth Monday of each month at the First Christian Church in Maryville.

Members see the group as an "extended family," offering one another support.

"We've learned that laughter and humor is really important," Zimmerman said. "It's nice to see everybody each month and to share experiences."

The support group is characterized as a happy, caring and upbeat support system by its members.

"It's a lot easier to be upbeat when you're around people who are upbeat," said Sharon Goughnour, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1995.

Sue Sutton, who was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, described her support as "phenomenal."

"This is a good community to be sick in," Sutton said. "It's like one big family."

Some supporters of cancer patients experience a loss of words when it comes to the initial conversation with their loved ones about the disease.

"A lot of times when things happen to family and friends, we don't know what to say," Zimmerman said. "So many times we pull back and say nothing. I don't think that any of us expect somebody to say or do anything profound. We need to know that people still care for us, and we still need to be included in events and activities that are going on. If nothing else, give a hug."

For more information, contact the St. Joseph American Cancer Society office at (816) 233-2558. For more information about the local Reach to Recovery program, contact Muriel Zimmerman at 582-8804.



Muriel Zimmerman, Reach to Recovery coordinator, demonstrates how placing a pillow under the arm can help a woman be more comfortable after breast surgery. Often times, lymph nodes from under the arm are removed during surgery to be sure the breast cancer has not spread to them, causing the area to be tender.

## Chilean teachers learn from Americans

by **Stephanie Clarkin**  
Missourian Reporter

The educational reform in Chile brought 20 of its country's teachers to the United States.

The group of fifth-through eighth-level science and math teachers came to Horace Mann Laboratory School to observe its learning environment. Their goal is to return to Chile with new teaching methods, integrating science into other subjects. The Chilean teachers also want to learn how to better involve students in the curriculum.

"We are going to take back ways in that the teachers are not only the stimulators but the children still take part in creating the curriculum," Chilean teacher Karina Viran said.

Curriculum methods are not the only aspect the foreign teachers have learned in the United States. Some of their perceived cultural stigmas were positively changed.

"We see in the news and the movies that Americans are very violent and we thought they would be prejudiced to us as being Latino, but our experience has been opposite," Viran said.

During their trip to America, the teachers enjoyed their interactions with the people most of all. They said they were respected by Americans.

"We love the scenery and how polite, gentle and warm the people have been to us," Chilean teacher Raul Araya said.

The Chileans also appreciated the relationships between Horace Mann teachers and the student teachers they are training.

"I like the way student teachers and teachers work together with the children," Chilean teacher Luis Gonzalez said.

Along with curriculum plans, the teachers will take back classroom arrangement ideas.

"We appreciate to see another way teachers can organize their class and curriculum," Chilean teacher Rosa Molina said. "This will change the way we teach back home."

While observing classes the teachers had a chance to interact with students and lead the cultural exchange. The teachers sang native songs to the children and performed the national dance of Chile. The students also sang for the Chilean teachers.

"We have found the children to be eager to learn," Chilean teacher Bernarda Vargas said. "We are impressed at how outgoing they were and how secure they were about themselves."

The students were also able to ask the Chilean teachers questions.

"We are very impressed on what students knew about South America," Chilean teacher Jaime Macias said.

None of the teachers speak English so translator Jane Shuttlesworth helped them interact during their six-week stay in the Midwest.

"It is frustrating because you can not be direct," Chilean teacher Glenda Perez said. "You have to wait for the translation, but it is also beautiful to learn how to communicate. We have to learn to be patient while they wait for the translation and have confidence in our translator."

Horace Mann teachers and students had a positive experience with the Chilean teachers.

"The students got to learn about the similarities and differences between the students of Chile and the Midwest," said Carole Edmonds, Horace Mann director. "Some of the students were saying it makes the world seem like a smaller place because we have a lot in common."

## Maryville is trial venue, jurors set to deliberate

by **Stephanie Zellstra**  
Managing Editor

A change of venue earlier this year brought the murder trial of Loren E. Flint II to Nodaway County from Holt County on Tuesday.

Opening arguments were heard and the trial continued Wednesday with evidence and testimony brought in from investigators and witnesses. Flint, 30, Bigelow, was charged with the second-degree murder of Troy L. Wissler, 26, Mound City, who died April 26, 1998. He is also charged with armed criminal action.

The jury isn't deliberating the fact that Flint shot Wissler, but the events that led to the shooting.

Wissler, who was unknown to Flint at the time of his death, arrived at Flint's home around 2 a.m. instigating a fight.

According to testimony from Wes Hutchison, Flint's step-brother and witness to the crime, Wissler was banging on the door and yelling obscenities at Flint. Hutchison said Wissler was looking for a fight.

Flint left shortly, but returned approximately 10 minutes later. The

argument began to get violent. Flint told Wissler that he had a gun. Wissler threw his fist into a window of the house next to the Flint's head. Flint was sitting prepared with an SKS semi-automatic rifle.

Flint began shooting as soon as the window was broken. State prosecution, led by Kevin Zoellner, assistant attorney general, showed Flint then contacted the sheriff's department. He told them he had shot somebody. He also said he wasn't sure of how many times he had fired the gun.

Flint testified he was frightened, feared his life and was acting in self-defense when he began shooting thinking there might have been other people outside of his home with Wissler.

The judge disallowed a defense motion that would have let jurors hear a 911 recording. According to Jamison, the tape proved how frightened Flint was at the time of the incident.

The jury will hear the closing arguments from the prosecution and the defense and will reach its decision today. If convicted, Flint will serve a life sentence in prison.



### Halloween safety tips

- ✓ Carry a flashlight
- ✓ Walk, don't run
- ✓ Stay on sidewalks
- ✓ Obey traffic signals
- ✓ Don't cut across yards
- ✓ Costumes shouldn't drag
- ✓ Shoes should fit
- ✓ Don't wear masks while walking
- ✓ Walk facing traffic
- ✓ Wear reflective clothing or marking tape
- ✓ Only approach homes with lights on

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## Young trick-or-treaters welcomed by businesses

by **Richard Hubble**  
Missourian Reporter

Ghosts, goblins and other spooks will be haunting downtown Maryville from 5 to 7 p.m. today. But many of those doing the haunting are under 4-feet tall.

This is the third year for the Heart of the City Trick-or-Treat event, sponsored by 20 businesses on or around the square in Maryville.

Many of the businesses will be decorating and will have employees in costume handing out treats for the event.

"This gives them an opportunity to wear the costumes one more time," said Kathryn Rice, Heart of the City chairwoman.

Rice said over 200 costumed children participated last year, with many under the age of 5, although

there is no set age limit. She is expecting over 300 children this year, depending on the weather.

Rice also said the event has made a positive impression on parents and others in the community.

"We had people coming in with praise until almost Christmas," she said.

Rice said it is a fun event geared toward children, but anyone can enjoy the costumes.

There is another important reason for events such as this, said Jeff Funston, owner of Field's Clothing. "It's a time of the year the merchants can give back," he said.

Funston said it is a way for the downtown businesses to promote themselves. He said it is easier for several businesses to contribute a small part for an event, instead of individually.

## Northwest Missouri education focus of center's many projects

by **Richard Hubble**  
Missourian Reporter

The President of the United States, local governments and parents are all discussing a common topic — how to get a better education.

The Regional Professional Development Center on campus was set up to address this issue.

"We help the teachers, who in turn help the students, who then test better," Director Sandra Eckert-Stewart said.

The Development Center does this through outreach and training projects, as well as evaluations, she said.

One such program is the mentor-protégé regional training workshop. The first set of workshops was Aug. 17-18, and the next set is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. The workshops involve teachers with at least

three years of experience as mentors to recent college graduates. Graduate students participating in the workshop also earn one credit hour toward a master's degree.

The Development Center, which serves 15 counties in northwest Missouri, was started with eight other Universities in the state in 1993 in response to the Missouri Senate's Outstanding Schools Act.

The bill called for initiatives such as academic performance standards and professional development.

Max Ruhl, dean of the college of education, and his staff supervise the grant for the Development Center.

"I'm extremely proud of the work they have done," Ruhl said. He said this included the creation of 10 professional development schools in the region, as well as integrating technology into the learning process.

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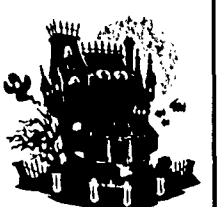
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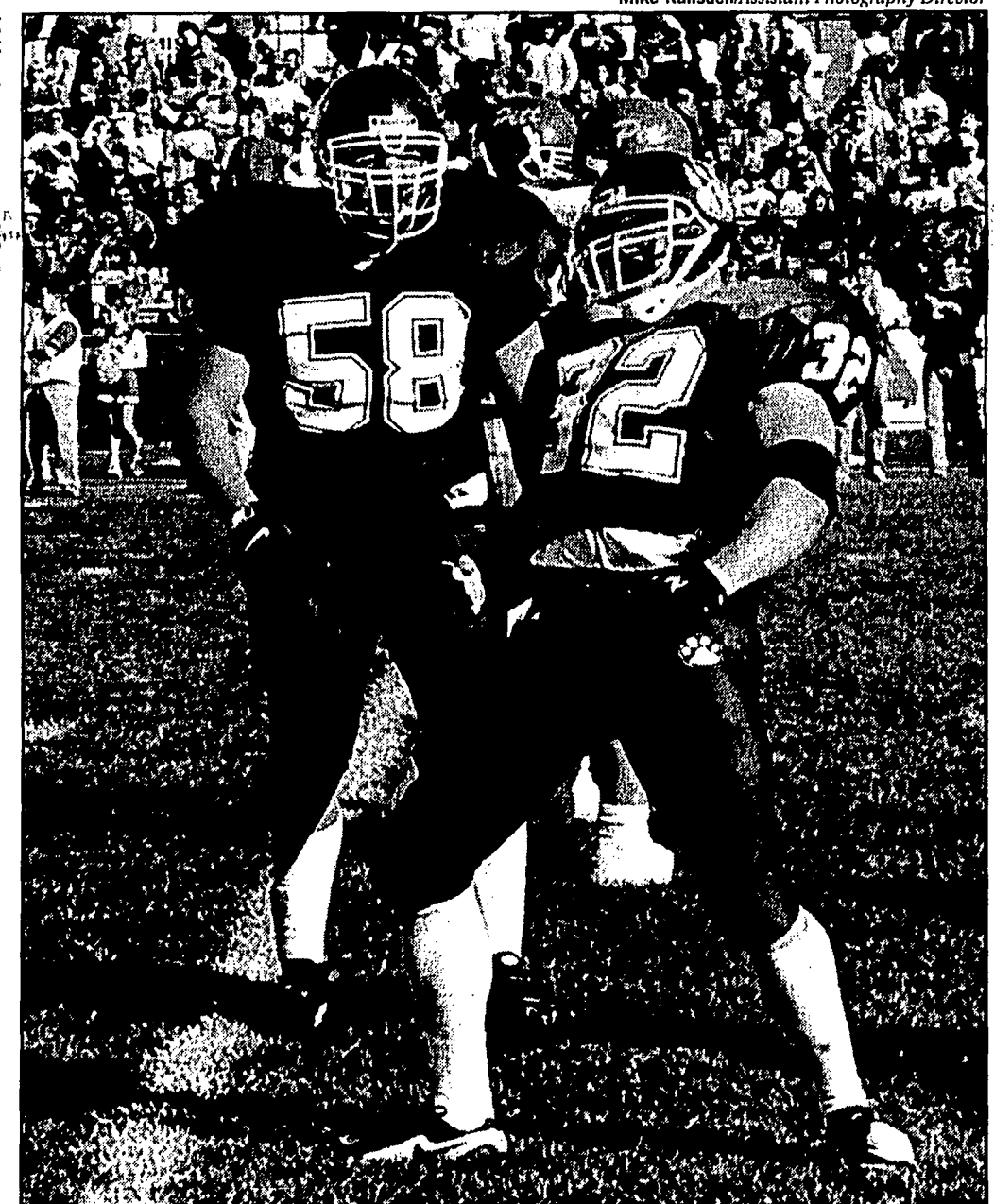
*Maryville has exclusive bragging rights: Spoofhounds beat Savannah 48-20, Bearcats defeat Pittsburg State 23-18*

Late in the fourth quarter with the game on the line, Bearcat head coach Mel Tjeerdema (below) leans over to gather his thoughts. Tjeerdema's play-to-win attitude in the waning seconds proved to be a deciding factor in Saturday's win over Pitt State. With the win, Tjeerdema improved Northwest record to 37-19 and 97-57-4 overall.



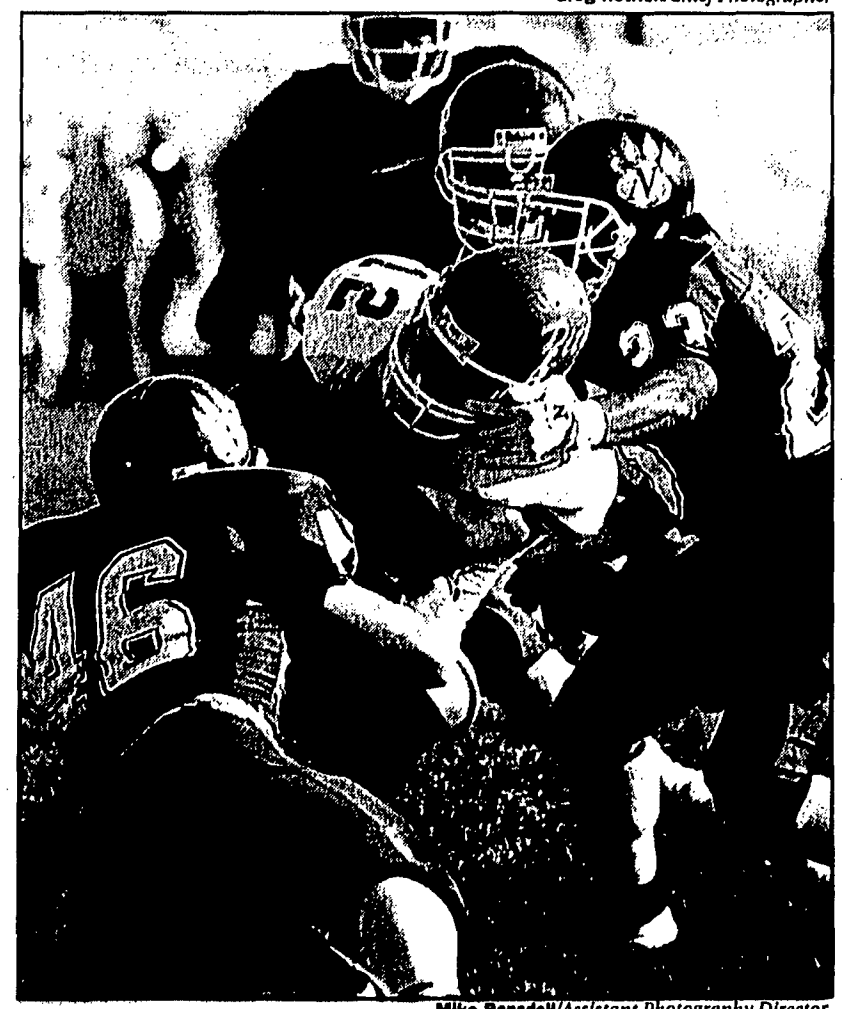
Mike Randall/Assistant Photography Director

Bearcat running back Derek Lane does some celebrating after a big run toward the end of the first half. Lane finished with a game-high 76 yards on 14 carries to help lead the Bearcats to their 23-18 win over Pittsburg State last Saturday before a crowd of 7,700.



Greg Hettrick/Chief Photographer

A host of Bearcat defensive players, including strong safety David Carlson and cornerback Twan Young, converge on a Pitt State receiver. The Bearcat "D" was tough all afternoon allowing only 18 points, two of which came on an intentional safety.



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Maryville Spoofhound Adam Otte (left) is brought down by a Savannah defender after taking the ball on a hand-off from quarterback Nick Glasnapp. Otte ran for a 74-yard touchdown in the first quarter. The 'Hounds clinched the MEC championship for a second consecutive year.

Northwest football fans (above) had plenty to cheer for Saturday when the Bearcats defeated the Pitt State Gorillas for the second consecutive year. The 'Cats beat PSU at Pittsburg last season, 18-14, during their Homecoming.



Greg Hettrick/Chief Photographer

Bobby the Bearcat (left) shows his own victory over the Pitt State Gorillas with a little celebration after practicing a few wrestling moves on a stuffed gorilla at fans' request. Meanwhile, the Bearcat football team was taking care of the game and finishing off the Gorillas, 23-18.

Spoofhounded Jason Walter, senior split end, (below) looks to head coach Chuck Litteras for the next play of the game Friday night against Savannah. At the conclusion of the game, Litteras was pleased with the performance of his team. "We're MEC champs," Litteras said. "What else can you say?"



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

The Maryville Spoofhounds celebrate a win over the Savannah Savages Friday night at Savannah. The 'Hounds remain atop the high school 3A polls after they ravaged the Savages 48-20. The Savages are 5-1 on the season, while the 'Hounds entered the game with a perfect 6-0 record. Maryville is on the road again this Friday against Tarkio.



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Senior quarterback Chris Grelsen ducks behind blockers early in the contest against Pitt State. Grelsen finished 42-25 with one interception and 278 yards passing. Pitt State quarterback, Zack Siegrist kept Pitt State in the game with 207 yards and one touchdown. The Bearcats will now prepare for a matchup against Central Missouri State in Warrensburg on Halloween.



## Public Safety

## Friday, Oct. 16

■ An officer took a report of a vehicle failing to stop for a school bus stop sign while in the 800 block of South Dunn Street.

## Sunday, Oct. 18

■ An officer was in the 300 block of South Main Street when he heard tires spinning and the scraping of a car's frame hitting the ground. When he looked in the direction of the noise, he observed the vehicle pull into an alley. As he pulled by the vehicle, the occupants exited it. When he approached them, one male subject took off running and failed to stop after being advised to stop. Following an investigation and talking to the other subjects, contact was made with Daniel A. Wiemer, 19, Maryville. He was arrested on charges of resisting arrest by flight and released after posting bond.

## Tuesday, Oct. 20

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of South Main Street, an officer observed a vehicle cross the centerline. The vehicle was stopped, and while talking with the driver, Janet M. Tierney, 21, Maryville, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after she could not successfully complete field sobriety tests, and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for failure to drive on the right side of the roadway.

■ After receiving complaints of a vehicle failing to stop for a school bus stop sign, a summons was issued to William R. Geagley, 39, Maryville, for failure to stop at a posted stop sign. The bus was loading children in the 300 block of South Davis Street.

■ Lisa J. Phillips, Maryville, was parked approximately five feet out of her space in the 200 block of North Main Street. Scott M. Cowden, Maryville, was southbound on North

Main Street and attempted to turn onto Second Street, striking Phillips. No citations were issued.

■ An officer observed a vehicle stop at a flashing yellow light and remain there for several minutes at the intersection of South Avenue and South Main Street. Contact was made with the driver, Robert L. Fisher, 72, Maryville, and an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested on charges of driving under the influence after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests, and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit.

## Wednesday, Oct. 21

■ An officer served a warrant from Andrew County for a seat belt violation on Johnny B. McFarland, 28, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Fire units responded to the 500 block of East First Street on an apartment fire. Upon arrival, the fire had been extinguished, but the apartment was full of smoke. It is believed the fire started from an electrical short in an aquarium, and the water from the aquarium put the fire out.

■ An officer served two warrants on David J. Bond, 27, Ravenwood. The warrants were for failure to appear from Jackson and Henry counties. He was released after posting bond.

■ An officer arrested Brian P. Restivo, 20, Maryville, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following an incident in the 100 block of West Second Street. He was released after posting bond.

## Thursday, Oct. 22

■ Officers responded to the 200 block of Park Avenue on a complaint of a loud disturbance. Upon arrival, contact was made with the occupants, and the officers detected an odor of marijuana. After they received permission to search the residence, drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were found.

Eryn E. Loucks, 20, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and Halley D. Evans-Robinson, 21, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. It was discovered that there were two active warrants from Johnson County for failure to appear on Evans-Robinson. Both subjects were released after posting bond.

## Friday, Oct. 23

■ Edward D. Warner, Maryville, and Gina M. Alexander, Faucett, were northbound on North Main Street. They were both stopped in traffic when Michael L. Lemon, Skidmore, struck Warner from behind, causing him to strike Alexander from behind. A citation was issued to Lemon for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Dana L. Brown, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign, then proceeded into the intersection of First and Munn streets. Brown pulled into the path of Gerald D. Dorrel, Maryville, who was westbound on First Street. A citation was issued to Brown for failure to yield.

■ Kelly L. Archer, Maryville, was eastbound on Fourth Street when Akiko Hirano, Smithville, pulled from a posted stop sign at Fourth and Walnut streets. Archer tried to avoid striking Hirano by swerving to the south, but Hirano struck Archer. The force of the impact caused Archer to strike Kristy K. Sievers, Ames, Iowa, who was stopped at a posted stop sign on the south side of the Walnut intersection. A citation was issued to Hirano for failure to yield.

## Saturday, Oct. 24

■ An officer issued a citation to Brenda L. Schafer, 34, Skidmore, after receiving complaints of a vehicle not stopping for a school bus while it was loading in the 300 block of South Davis Street.

■ Officers responded to the 300 block of North Market Street on a report of a fight. Upon arrival, and after talking with the subjects, summonses for assault were issued to Tisha A. Halterman, 24, Maryville,

and Toni M. Morton, 23, Burlington Junction.

■ An officer arrested Mathew D. Mason, 24, Maryville, on charges of failing to comply with an officer's orders following an incident in the 900 block of College Avenue. He was requested to leave the area, which he did, but later returned. He was released after posting bond.

■ Officers received a complaint that a vehicle driven by a male subject had been following another vehicle driven by a female subject. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Richard W. Allen, 35, Maryville. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He refused to give a sample for testing blood alcohol content and was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

■ Michael J. Becker, Topeka, Kan., was northbound on South Main Street in the center turn lane, preparing to turn into a private drive. Darrell D. Hawley, Barnard, exited a private drive and traveled west into the turn lane to make a left turn. Hawley failed to see Becker due to traffic. Hawley and Becker collided in the turn lane. A citation was issued to Hawley for failure to yield.

■ Diana L. Crawford, Maryville, was backing out of a drive on Victory Lane and struck a parked City of Maryville vehicle. No citations were issued.

## Sunday, Oct. 25

■ Two Maryville juveniles, ages seven and 10, were referred to the juvenile officer following an incident in the 1000 block of North Main Street in which rocks were being thrown at parked vehicles. One vehicle had been struck, causing damage to the front windshield.

■ A Maryville female reported that her vehicle was damaged while it was parked at her residence.

## Obituaries

## Maxine Carmichael

Maxine R. Carmichael, 70, Columbia, Mo., died Oct. 21 at Columbia Regional Care Center in Columbia.

She was born April 22, 1928, to Galen and Iva Russell in Hopkins.

Survivors include one daughter, Michelle; one son, Russell; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services were Sunday at the Wray Memorial United Methodist Church in Hopkins.

## Patricia Risser

Patricia Joan Risser, 53, Sheridan, died Oct. 20 at Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph.

She was born May 2, 1945, to Fred and Helen Stephenson in Nodaway County.

Survivors include her husband, Elbert; four sons, Eric, Mark, Billy and Kerry; one daughter, Patricia Warner; one sister; two brothers; and six grandsons.

Services were Friday at the Assembly of God Church in Grant City.

## New Arrivals

## Morgan Nicole Anderson

Brad and Tammy Anderson, Maryville, are the parents of Morgan Nicole, born Oct. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed six pounds, one ounce.

Grandparents are JB and Ruby Montgomery, Rayville, La.; and Howard and Rebecca Anderson, Mission, Texas.

## Gunner Ryan Wright Anderson

Patrick and Jennifer Anderson, Fort Collins, Colo., are the parents of Gunner Ryan Wright, born Oct. 12 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins.

He weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Grandparents are Dave and Jeanie Cochran, Burlington Junction; and Dennis and Connie Anderson, Maryville.

## Campus Safety

## Monday, Oct. 19

■ Mickey Albertson reported she had recovered a pig in Roberta Hall. An investigation was initiated.

## Tuesday, Oct. 20

■ Lisa Crater reported her office in Garrett-Strong was burglarized over the weekend. An investigation was initiated, and two suspects were apprehended. The case was forwarded to the vice president of Student Affairs for further evaluation.

## Wednesday, Oct. 21

■ A student reported receiving harassing phone calls while in her room. The student was able to identify all parties responsible for the harassing phone calls. Those involved were contacted and the case was forwarded to the vice president of Student Affairs.

## Thursday, Oct. 22

■ Officers recovered a rifle and ammunition from the parking lot adjacent to Phillips and Franken Halls. Contact was made with the owner, and a summons was issued for violation of the weapons policy on campus.

## Saturday, Oct. 24

■ While on patrol, an officer observed Molly Meierotto attempt to hide an alcoholic beverage. Contact was made with her, and after learning her age, she was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol.

## Sunday, Oct. 25

■ While on patrol, an officer stopped Jess Siegel for a traffic violation. An odor of intoxicants was detected. After Siegel could not successfully complete field sobriety tests, he was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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# 'Cats prep for Mules

■ Northwest football dumps Pittsburg State moves up in rankings

by Collin McDonough  
Contributing Reporter

The Bearcat football team has taken control of the MIAA race, but there are still obstacles to overcome.

The next major obstacle comes against the Central Missouri State Mules in Warrensburg Saturday.

Northwest will enter the game with a perfect 8-0 record and a No. 2 national ranking. The Mules bring in a mark of 6-2 and a No. 8 ranking in the Midwest Regional rankings.

Central has lost its last two games and will come into the game with a chance to still be a factor in the play-off race. The situation has head coach Mel Tjeerdsma not looking past the Mules.

"(Central) is in a position where if they win they've still got a good chance at the playoffs," Tjeerdsma said. "They beat Nebraska-Omaha earlier this season and they are the top team in the North Central Conference."

Sophomore B-back Tucker Woolsey said the Bearcats have been the target of every team this season and that will not change Saturday.

"I think everybody that comes up against Northwest is giving us their best shot because they want to pull the upset," Woolsey said. "We've had to deal with that all year and the coaches have told us we would have to deal with it. It's kind of like what

Pittsburg has always been going through and now we're going through it."

The Mules have been very similar to the Bearcats this season in relation to the injury bug. They have lost a couple players causing Central to struggle offensively, Tjeerdsma said.

"They are a little bit like us because they've lost two offensive linemen and that has really hurt them," Tjeerdsma said.

The Mules implemented an option offense last Saturday against Emporia State and came up on the short end of a 56-24 contest.

Aaron Becker, junior defensive tackle, said he hopes the Mules come out with the option attack because the Bearcats handled Pitt State's rushing game.

"If they come out with the option, we can play it like we did against the Gorillas," Becker said. "(Mules quarterback Kevin Nickerson) is a lot shifter than Pitt's quarterback. So we can't get complacent on defense."

While the offense struggles, the Mules defense may be their strongest attribute, Tjeerdsma said.

"From an athletic standpoint, they are the most athletic team in the conference," Tjeerdsma said. "They've got great athletes and really skilled players."

Woolsey said some extra practice is needed to get ready for the Mules.

"They are strong, tough players that have played a lot of games through the years," Woolsey said. "With their defensive skills, it means we're just going to have to prepare and train that much better."

The Mules also bring in a strong place kicker, Shane Meyer. Tjeerdsma said he would rather talk up his own punter than discuss another team's strength.

"Meyer's a great kicker but there is a bunch of good kickers in this conference," Tjeerdsma said. "You even sometimes forget about Dave Purnell. With his numbers, he matches up pretty good."

Purnell has made nine of 11 field goal attempts this season. He has not missed an extra point on his own.

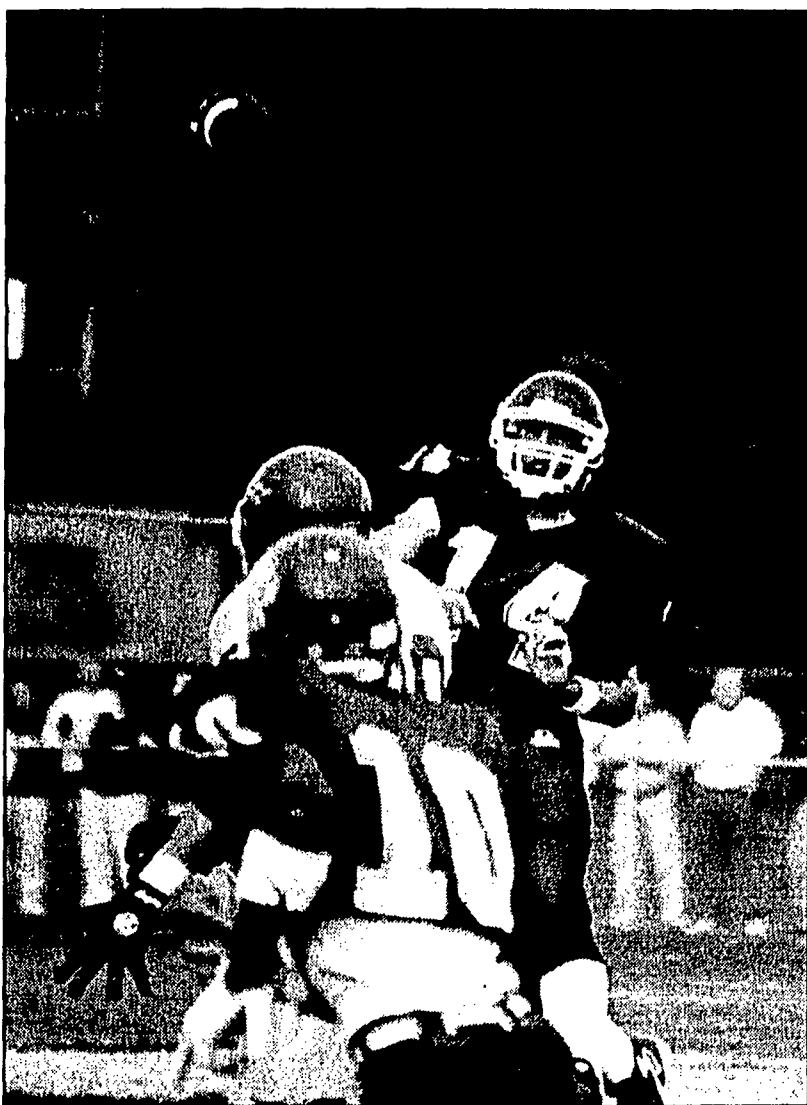
Tjeerdsma hopes to see Purnell on the field plenty Saturday because if that comes true the Bearcats will be winning the ballgame.

"It's important for us to generate some offense early," Tjeerdsma said. "I don't feel like they can score a lot of points. And if they do score they are really going to have to earn it. I look for us to come out extremely fired up and ready to play, because it's so important as to how we start out the game."

With the 'Cats' latest victory over Pitt State, Northwest jumped to No. 2 in the NCAA Division II national poll. But in Don Hansen's National College Football Weekly poll, the Bearcats reached No. 1 in the nation.

Becker seemed to agree with the Don Hansen poll.

"Right now, I think we're playing like the No. 1 team and we haven't even peaked yet defensively," he said. "But even if we were ranked 1,000th, I'd trade it for a national championship, and there's 100 other guys on the team that feel the same way."



Mike Ransdell/Assistant Photography Director

Quarterback Chris Greisen throws over a Pittsburg State defender to receiver Tony Miles, No. 10, in Saturday's game. The two connected on several key plays, and the Bearcats defeated the Gorillas for the second straight year.

## the Stat sheet

### NCAA Div. II Football Poll

1. Central Oklahoma (8-0)
2. Northwest (8-0)
3. Carson-Newman (Tenn.) (7-1)
4. Tie - UC-Davis (7-1)
- Slippery Rock (Pa.) (7-1)
6. Northern Colorado (7-1)
7. North Dakota (6-1)
8. Indiana (Pa.) (7-1)
9. Southern Arkansas (6-1)
10. Grand Valley State (Mich.) (7-1)
11. Emporia State (Kan.) (7-1)
12. Albany State (Ga.) (7-1)
13. Texas A&M-Kingsville (6-2)
14. Fort Valley State (Ga.) (7-1)
15. Nebraska-Omaha (6-2)
16. East New Mexico (7-1)
17. West Georgia (7-1)
18. Shepherd (W.Va.) (6-1)
19. Tie - Pittsburg State (Kan.) (5-2)
- West Texas A&M (6-2)

### MIAA Football standings

MIAA Football Sta		MIAA Overall		
	W	L	W	L
NWMSU	6	0	8	0
ESU	5	1	7	1
TSU	5	1	5	3
CMSU	4	2	6	2
PSU	4	2	5	2
WU	3	3	4	4
MWSC	1	5	3	5
SBU	1	5	2	6
MSSC	1	5	1	6
UMR	0	6	0	8

### Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette Division II poll

1. Northwest (8-0)
  2. Carson Newman (Tenn.) (7-1)
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  7. UC Davis (7-1)
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  9. North Alabama (5-2)
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  13. Northern Colorado (7-1)
  14. Grand Valley (Mich.) (7-1)
  15. West Georgia (7-1)
  16. Emporia State (Kan.) (7-1)
  17. Winona State (7-0)
  18. Pittsburg State (Kan.) (5-2)
  19. Chadron State (Nebr.) (6-2)
  20. Livingstone (N.C.) (6-1)
  21. Delta State (Miss.) (5-2)
  22. Millersville (Pa.) (5-2)
  23. Ashland (Ohio) (6-2)
  24. Northeastern State (Okla.)
  25. Shepherd (W.Va.) (6-1)
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### MIAA team statistics

- Total offense yards per game
1. Emporia State, 499
  2. Northwest, 477
  8. Central Missouri State, 254.8

- Rushing offense yards per game
1. Emporia State, 266.8
  4. Northwest, 191.9
  8. Central Missouri State, 139.5

- Passing offense yards per game
1. Northwest, 285.1
  7. Central Missouri State, 115.3

- Total defense yards per game
1. Central Missouri State, 270.5
  4. Northwest, 309.3

- Rushing defense yards per game
1. Pittsburg State, 122.9
  2. Northwest, 125.3
  3. Central Missouri State, 139.4

- Passing defense yards per game
1. Emporia State, 121
  2. Central Missouri State, 131.1
  8. Northwest, 184

### MIAA Volleyball

	standings			
	MIAA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
CMSU	11	0	22	4
ESU	9	2	24	5
TSU	6	5	15	11
MWSC	6	6	14	15
<b>NWMSU</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
WU	5	7	12	15
SBU	4	8	14	15
MSSC	4	8	5	17
PSU	2	10	8	13

## Runners look ahead, compete with MIAA

by Wendy Broker  
Contributing Reporter

After failing to reach the top of the MIAA Saturday, the Bearcat cross country team is looking forward to the Great Lakes Regional meet in Hillsdale, Mich.

In order to improve for the Great Lakes meet, both teams will be working hard in practice. Vicki Wooten, women's head coach, said the women will try to heal injuries.

"This week we will be increasing mileage, working on recovery and injury prevention, and use this as a healing period," Wooten said. "We will be working on getting our three through five runners closer to our number two runner, which really hurt us at conference."

The cross country team traveled to Pittsburg State for the conference meet last weekend, but fell just short of the top.

The men's team went into the meet shooting to stop perennial power Central Missouri State's reign atop the MIAA and claim the title for Northwest. The men missed the mark by nine points, repeating last season's second-place finish.

"We had it in our grasp, but didn't do it," head coach Rich Alsup said. "We had Central up through the third mile. It was just close. We had to have three in the top 10 and four in the top 12 and we didn't. They just took us to task in the last mile to mile and a half. We didn't blow it by any means — this was their fourth consecutive title, and we've come a long way in that time."

Senior Robby Lane led the 'Cats' effort with his second-place individual finish. Freshman Bryce Good placed sixth for the men. Sophomore Mike Ostreko, junior Jimmy Rambur and senior Brian Cornelius came in a pack at 12th, 13th and 14th respectively for the Bearcats.

The focus has turned to improving for regionals, Good said.

"We're disappointed that we didn't run as well as we thought we could, but we did finish close to Central," Good said. "We're going to concentrate on hard practice, trying to close the gap for regionals and making nationals. We need to pack up and get people further up. We packed up at conference, but there were too many Central guys between us."

On the women's side, the team was looking to repeat as conference champions for the fourth straight year.

They came up fourth, 10 points behind first-place Missouri Southern.



Sarah Phipps/Missourian Online Photo Editor

Lindsey Borgstadt comforts Becca Gassel after completing the MIAA cross country conference meet Saturday in Pittsburg, Kan. Gassel finished 19th in the race. Overall, the women's team placed fourth.

Wooten said despite finishing fourth, the women improved their times.

"I am pleased with our overall performance," Wooten said. "Our average team time was 19:39, our fastest of the season. That's all we can do. We would like to have been in the top three, but it's a tough conference and the top four were separated by only 10 points. We need to improve our top five's overall time. If we pack up like we want to, that will take care of itself."

Senior Lindsey Borgstadt led the Bearcats in the meet, placing fourth, followed by sophomore Megan Carlson, who finished six seconds behind in sixth place. Junior Becca Gassel and senior Amber Martin crossed the finish line one second apart at 19th and 20th respectively. Sophomore Sarah Handrup capped the 'Cats' top five at 25th.

"We all ran the best we could that day, and that's all we could really do," Carlson said. "It just wasn't our day to win. Now our focus is on regionals, where we would like to beat the three teams who beat us at conference, and go to nationals."

## Hornets sting volleyball team; Bearcats go 3-1 at Simpson

by Barry Platt  
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat volleyball squad traveled to Emporia, Kan., Wednesday night to take on the No. 2 ranked team in the conference — Emporia State. Northwest lost three games to the Hornets, 7-15, 8-15 and 8-15, falling to 16-9 on the season, and 5-7 in the MIAA.

Northwest was led by sophomores Jill Quast and Abby Sunderman, who tallied 10 kills each. Sunderman also contributed three blocks, including two solo blocks. Sophomore Abby Willms had 40 assists and 16 digs for Northwest, while sophomore Shannon Ross collected 17 digs.

Earlier in the week, Northwest finished second in the Simpson College Tournament, in Indianola, Iowa. The 'Cats finished 3-1 in the tournament, defeating St. Thomas

College in five games, Macalester College in five games and Cornell College in three games, before losing a 2-0 lead in the championship game to Simpson College, 3-2.

Head coach Sarah Pelster was pleased with the team's play in the tournament.

"I feel it was a good tournament for us," she said. "We were forced to make a lot of adjustments due to injuries we have had, and the team seemed to respond well to the changes. We played 10 games on Friday night, and then turned around and played eight more on Saturday, so that was a factor. Overall, we played very well."

Northwest played most of the tournament without starting outside hitters junior Lindsay Heck, and freshman Jennifer Monson, who both saw limited playing time due to injuries. Junior Sarah LaFiore also missed playing

time because she was injured.

Pelster said those injuries were a factor in the team's performance. Northwest led 2-0 in three of the four matches they played in the Simpson College Tournament, yet won only two of them, with both of those coming in five games. Pelster said the team is getting better at closing out matches, but its youth is the major reason for the difficulty of putting teams away.

"Having a young team like we do, that is going to happen," she said. "Plus, with all the injuries we had, it was hard to really get comfortable. We keep working on putting teams away though, and for the most part, I think we are getting better at it."

This weekend, Northwest will play in its final regular season tournament, traveling to Springfield for the Drury College Tournament. According to Pelster, the tourney should be great competition.

## Soccer club concludes season, 6-2

by Matt Gorgen  
Contributing Reporter

The Northwest women's soccer club ended its season on a good note, sweeping its final games of the season.

Northwest improved to 6-2 by defeating Drake University for forfeit on Saturday followed by a win against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln 3-2 on Sunday.

Senior Katie Adams was pleased with the season and is looking forward to traveling with the team to national competition.

"I'm extremely happy on the great winning season and can't wait for nationals," Adams said. "I'm sure the winning ways will continue as a varsity sport next year."

The 'Cats beat Drake on forfeit when the team informed Northwest head coach Greg Roper the Drake team was breaking up because of an undisciplined and unorganized team.

"We were disappointed, of course," Roper said. "Drake has a student-run club, and often these types of clubs fall apart as the season progresses. But those things happen. We'll take the win and move on."

The 'Cats played host to the UNL club for its final game of the season.

The 'Cats led 3-0 at halftime, but the Husk-



Jason Myers/Contributing Photographer

Bearcat soccer player Kelly Coffee (left) takes the ball from University of Nebraska-Lincoln player Mariah Olson in Sunday's match at home. The game was a rescheduled match from earlier in the season. The 'Cats improved to 6-2 with a forfeit and a win.

ers scored two goals in the second half. However, the 'Cats hung on for the 3-2 victory.

Freshman Jennifer Krause said the starters did not play up to their potential and gave credit to the bench.

"Our team did not play well together at all, but our second teamers did an excellent job of bringing out our power and aggression in the game," Krause said.

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## On the sidelines

## Football alive, well in 'Ville



■ Mark Hornickel

The World Series was a flop. Big deal. I've realized there are bigger and better things happening this fall in sports.

The excitement of another sport is gaining my interest — football. And

one thing is for sure: in the 'Ville football is alive and well. Needless to say, I am loving every bit of it.

Football was never one of my favorite sports. I viewed football the same way a lot of people look at baseball — extremely boring. While I enjoyed the slow, relaxing pace of baseball, I didn't like the stop and start feeling of football.

I couldn't (in fact, I still can't) stand to see a running back take a handoff and run it into a pack of huge linemen for no gain. Wouldn't it be easier for the running back to cut back and completely fool the other team by running the ball around the pack of guys?

I enjoy watching the Packers and the Chiefs, but I'd rather spend my Monday nights listening to music or doing other things.

Growing up, football was just never my thing. Maybe it was because I was too small, or I wasn't accustomed to watching an exciting team.

Finally, this fall I have been blessed with the opportunity to watch two very good football teams — the Northwest Bearcats and the Maryville Spoofhounds.

Last weekend was a football lover's dream in Maryville.

On Friday night, the undefeated 'Hounds pounded Savannah in a huge district contest for each team.

I fall in love with watching the 'Hounds more and more every week. Whether it's watching Nick Glasnapp run the option with ease, Mike Nanninga pushing his way like a bull through linemen, Adam Otte catching a pass and accelerating into lightning speed or head coach Chuck Lliteras pacing up and down the sideline in his Vince Lombardi-like character.

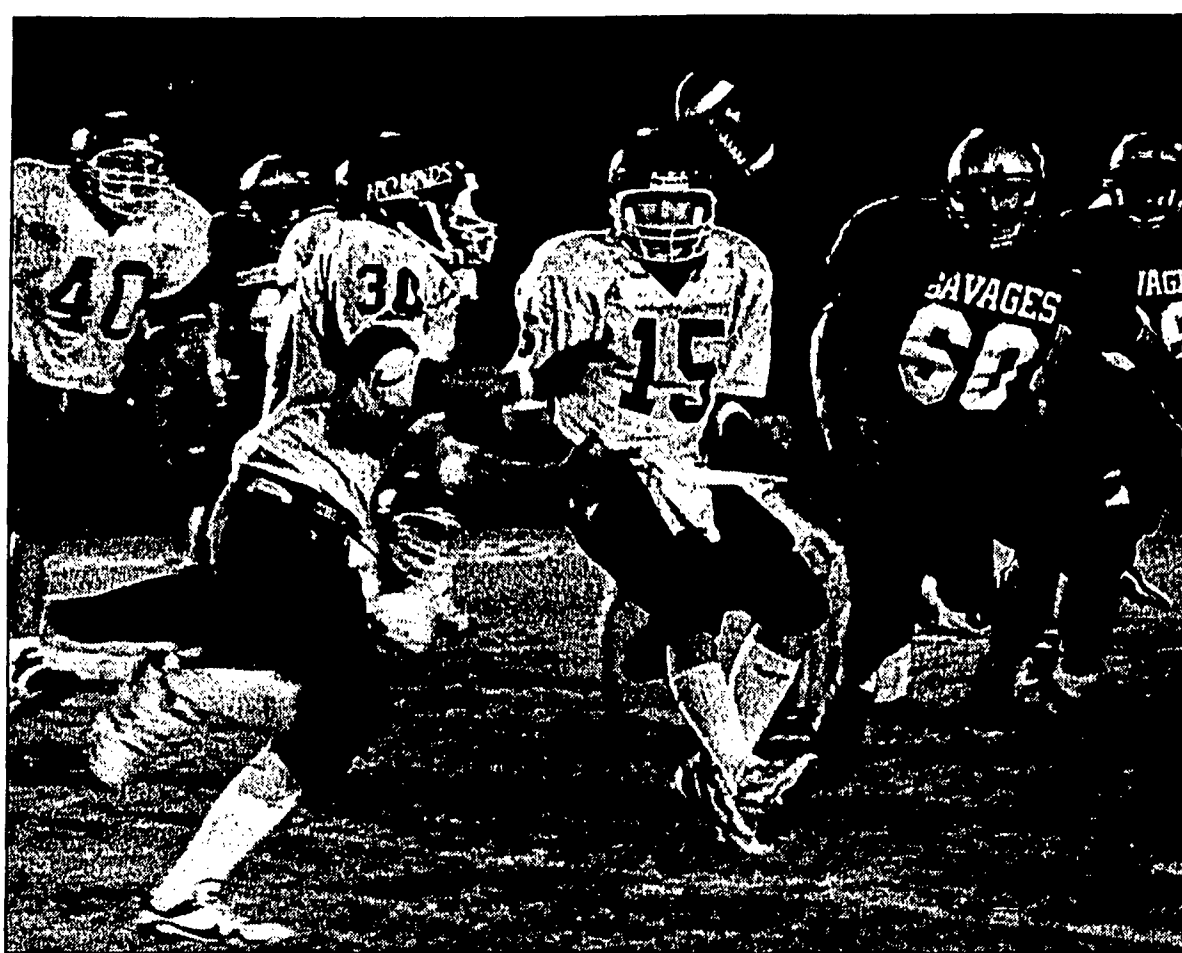
On Saturday, the dream continued with Bearcat football. Northwest welcomed its worst enemy and biggest rival Pitt State to town.

An e-mail circulated around campus telling students to get to the stadium early as Pitt State was bringing in some 2,000 fans. An hour before gametime, the stands were jam-packed with Northwest green on one side and Pitt State red on the other.

Charlie Pugh scored the winning touchdown and I think Mel Tjeerdsma and the rest of the Bearcats' sideline was halfway on the field, trying to get a glimpse of the action. It was the perfect ending to a perfect weekend.

I think Maryville has got to be one of the luckiest little towns on Earth to have the great football teams it does. I truly think this is the year for both teams. Now, wouldn't that be the perfect ending to the football lover's dream?

Mark Hornickel is sports editor of The Northwest Missourian



Maryville fullback Mike Nanninga, No. 40, watches as quarterback Nick Glasnapp pitches the ball to running back Adam Otte, No. 30, catching the Savannah defenders off guard. The 'Hounds took the Savanahs by surprise Friday night, beating them 48-20. Otte scored one touchdown on the evening, while Glasnapp topped the 'Hounds' scoring list with three touchdowns.

## 'Hounds await Tarkio, Hornets

by Mark Hornickel  
Sports Editor

After claiming the Midland Empire Conference championship for the second year and beating Savannah, the Maryville football team will face Tarkio Academy on Friday.

The 'Hounds defeated Savannah 48-20 last Friday to take another MEC crown, but head coach Chuck Lliteras said the addition of three teams to the conference did not make it easier for Maryville.

"With the expanded conference, there was some good competition all the way through," Lliteras said. "We were pleased with the way the kids played."

While the 'Hounds are a perfect 7-0, they will be able to relax a bit against Tarkio, Lliteras said.

"I'm not belittling Tarkio at all," Lliteras said. "They've had some problems over there. They've lost a lot of players and they barely have just enough players to field an 11-man team. Hopefully we'll be able to get a lot of our kids in the game and give them some playing experience."

Tarkio was beaten last Friday 66-8 by Chillicothe. However, the

'Hounds aren't going to take Tarkio too lightly.

"We can't underestimate anybody," said Mike Nanninga, senior running back. "We're going to play them tough too."

Because of the advantage the 'Hounds have over Tarkio, Lliteras said the team will spend a majority of this week looking ahead to next week's game against the Hornets.

"We're going to try and get 80 to 85 percent of our Chillicothe game plan in this week," Lliteras said. "There's no school on Friday, so we're going to spend our time on Thursday preparing for Tarkio and on Friday we're going to review. But we're going to spend most of this week working on Chillicothe."

While the 'Hounds are taking care of Tarkio, they will be awaiting the outcome of Savannah and Chillicothe. It will have an important affect on how the 'Hounds prepare for the rest of district play.

"By no means are we over looking Tarkio Academy," Lliteras said. "This is just one situation. They know it, we know it, that we can begin to prepare for another opponent and them as well."

Maryville will face Tarkio at 7 p.m. Friday at home.

## Spikers advance in district

by Travis Dimmit  
Missourian Reporter

Maryville defeated Lafayette in the district semi-final volleyball match at Chillicothe Tuesday night. The Spoofhounds cruised past the Fighting Irish in two games, 15-7 and 15-8, bringing their overall match record to 22-7-3 on the season.

Gregg Winslow, Spoofhound head coach, said his team controlled the pace of the action throughout the entire match.

"It wasn't a real close game," Winslow said. "I think we pretty much had control of the game the whole time. We lost our focus during the second game a little bit, but I don't think there was ever a question of us not having the match under control."

The 'Hounds will face rival Platte County at 7 tonight in Chillicothe for the district championship. Maryville ended its regular season Oct. 22 with a loss to the Pirates in Maryville.

"They beat us last Thursday,"

Winslow said. "We did not play well. We had a lot of mental lapses which allowed them to kind of control the game a little bit. We had several opportunities to win the first game last week and ended up missing game-point serves two times. The second game served two times to a 4-0 lead on them, and then went back and had a lot of mental lapses, and they ended up beating us."

Not only did Platte County defeat Maryville in the two schools' only matchups this season, the Pirates also ousted the 'Hounds from postseason play in 1997 with a win in the district finals. Winslow said his team will have to concentrate on playing well to win the rematch.

"I am looking for good effort," Winslow said. "We need a good effort if we are going to play with them. I wouldn't think it would take much more than knowing they were playing in the district championship to get them all fired up and ready to play. But then, they have to be in the mindset that they want to go out and

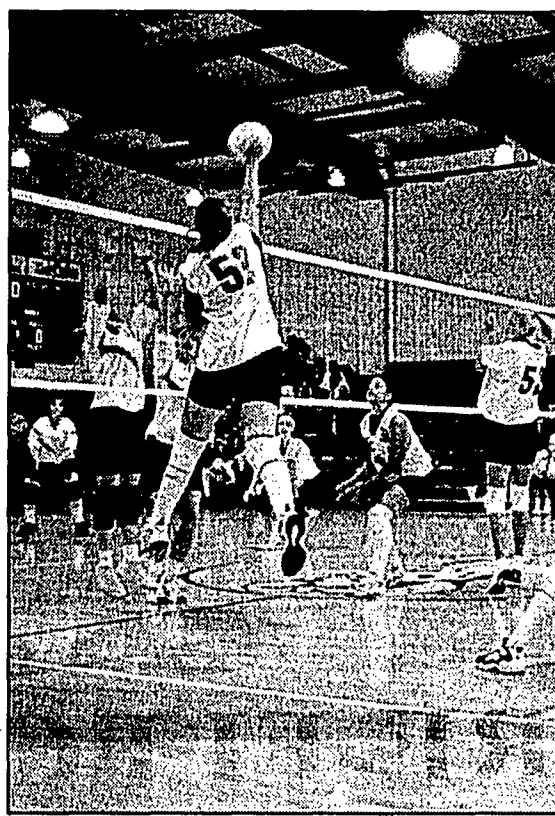
do everything they can do to enable their teammates to win."

Winslow said the 'Hounds' youth would not be a factor in the match, though the lack of postseason experience on his squad was a concern.

"By this time of year, I don't think that should make a lot of difference," Winslow said. "The only thing that I would see making a difference would be that, with the exception of two seniors, all these girls were JV players last year, and just maybe the moment might be a little bit more than they're used to, playing in the district championship. That might get to them a little bit. Whereas, even though Platte County is as young as we are, they have been in the championship game and won the district."

Winslow said the 'Hounds have the potential to dethrone the Pirates as district champions.

"We are capable of beating them," Winslow said. "It depends on how badly the girls want to do it, and what they're willing to do to make it happen."



Maryville's Jennifer Easton, No. 50, sends the ball down over Fairfax defenders during a volleyball match earlier in the season. The Spoofhounds are 21-7-3 this season and will meet Platte County tonight.

File Photo



## Harriers top meet, boys 1st, girls 2nd

The Maryville boys' cross country team came away with a first-place finish, while the girls' team earned a second-place finish at Bethany on Tuesday.

In addition each runner that competed in the meet for Maryville earned a medal.

The varsity girls' team was led by sophomore Jennifer Heller with a second-place finish in a time of 19:58 on the 3.1-mile course.

Junior Melissa Myers earned a fourth-place finish in a time of 20:56, while freshman Malorie Jones took a fifth-place finish in a time of 21:14.

Sophomore Kristina Swinford took a 10th-place finish in a time of 24:02, and senior Laura Loch took an 11th-place finish in a time of 27:12.

The girls' varsity team placed second with 32 points.

The varsity boys were led by senior Dustin Coulter's second-place finish in a time of 17:52.

Freshman Ryan Douglas took a third-place finish in a time of 18:10, and freshman Tim Welch took a fifth-place finish in a time of 18:30.

Sophomore Adam Messner earned a sixth-place finish in a time of 18:34, while sophomore Robert Long took a seventh-place finish in a time of 18:55.

Sophomore Spencer Martin finished eighth in a time of 19:07, and sophomore Travis Turner earned an 11th-place finish in a time of 20:07. Sophomore Dusty Winslow finished in 14th in a time of 22:54. Junior Ryan Lager rounded out the 'Hounds' team with a 15th-place finish in a time of 23:31.

The 'Hounds topped team competition, earning 23 points.

## 1998-99 MIAA men's basketball preseason poll

School	Points
1. Washburn (8)	98
2. Missouri Western (1)	74
3. Central Missouri (1)	72
4. Pittsburg State	70
5. Northwest Missouri (1)	69
6. Truman State	51
7. Missouri Southern	49
Missouri-Rolla	49
9. Emporia State	28
10. Southwest Baptist	25
11. Nebraska-Lincoln	20

## 1998-99 MIAA women's basketball preseason poll

School	Points
1. Emporia State (6)	94
Missouri Western (5)	94
3. Pittsburg State	73
4. Southwest Baptist	68
5. Central Missouri	64
6. Truman State	58
7. Northwest Missouri	49
8. Washburn	47
9. Missouri-Rolla	28
10. Missouri Southern	18
11. Nebraska-Lincoln	12

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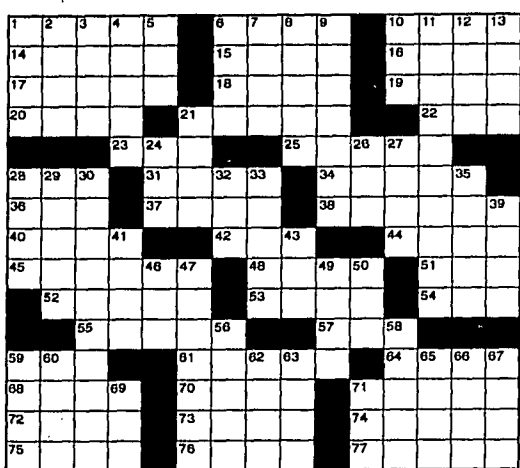
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1. Actor Stacy
  6. Nebbish
  10. Bruins' campus: abbr.
  14. Topic of dispute
  15. Garfield's pal
  16. "Pequod" protagonist
  17. Coin side
  18. Take five
  19. Whitecap
  20. Search
  21. More rational
  22. Stool pigeon
  23. Use a needle
  25. Brazilian dance
  28. Rook's relative
  31. Fork or air follower
  34. Nap spot
  36. Geisha's wear
  37. Agent: suffix
  38. Highlander
  40. Exclusively
  42. Brooks of "The Producers"
  44. Castor's mother
  45. Cut back
  48. Air
  51. Type of theater, for short
  52. Team race
  53. Certain Feds
  54. Compass reading
  55. Turn away
  57. And so on: abbr.
  59. Hr. portion
  61. Sculptor George
  64. Weaver's



- frame
68. Abstraction
  70. Tandoor, for one
  71. The "Velvet Fog"
  72. More than half
  73. Wrench
  74. Drive
  75. Famed lioness
  76. Ages
  77. Call up

## DOWN

1. Acquaintances
2. Jacob's brother
3. "... to covet honor" ("Henry V")
4. Sects' kin
5. "I'm Dickens, ... Fenster"
6. "Heartburn" author Ephron
7. "I Dream of Jeannie" actress
8. Goes higher
9. Take away (from)
10. GMC union
11. Personalities
12. Liquid rock
13. Become a partner in crime
21. Actress Loretta
24. Overhead railways

## Answers to last issue's puzzle



26. Extinct New Zealand bird
27. Singer Ives
28. Place to rap
29. Pansy's Li'l son
30. Wasteland
32. Gender: abbr.
33. Anti-trick insurance
35. Underworld
39. Neck part
41. Christmas
43. Abner's partner on radio
46. Beret, e.g.
47. Urban blight sign
49. Movie unit
50. Hill dweller
56. Crowbar
58. Yard goods
59. Performer with no lines
60. Effigy
62. Cheek, to a zoologist
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67. Kind of pittance
69. One time
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## The Stroller

## Your Man reviews Encore acts



## The Stroller

Weekly Wanderer acknowledges students' effort to respect Northwest

Greetings, Bearcats and Maryvillians. I'd like to share a bit of frustration this week, but first I have a couple of things to point out. First of all, Your Man saw Maryville Mayor Bridget Brown last week more times than he's seen President Hubbard in the Stroller's tenure at Northwest. As a student at Northwest, I think I should be seeing the president out and about more than I would see the mayor, especially on campus.

Secondly, I would like to say how nice it is to see the respect we show to our University. On the way to class last week I witnessed a couple walking under the great Bell Tower. At the base of the tower is the University Seal. It is widely known that people are not supposed to walk on the seal. So I spotted this couple under the Bell Tower and just as the male was about to walk on the seal, his female companion grabbed his arm and said, "Watch out. You're supposed to walk around that." It struck me as interesting.

Another thing that is on my mind is the Encore and entertainment for this year? My main concern is the lack of musical groups this year. Oh, wait, I noticed there was a pianist at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center last Wednesday. Yet, I didn't know about it and when I did finally hear about it I had never heard of the person.

The Stroller is very curious as to why there were no bands or major musical acts scheduled. It was rumored last spring that Encore had discussed bringing in such acts as Jars of Clay or Blues Traveler. I can see why Blues Traveler wouldn't grace Northwest with its presence. The Stroller has been to a Blues Traveler concert and it surely is not fit for a setting like Mary Linn. But Jars of Clay? It is a decent alternative band that I believe a majority of the student population, and Maryville residents, would enjoy. You can't use the Mary Linn excuse with them, or with many of today's bands for that matter.

Last year, Northwest featured Bryan White and Take Six. Your Man is also aware that such acts like REO Speedwagon, Color Me Badd and Violent Femmes came to Northwest in previous years. Mary Linn

didn't stop them from coming.

The comedians Encore has featured thus far have been good, but it would help to have a little publicity, too. We need something more than signs that hang unnoticed on bulletin boards. How about putting an ad in the *Missourian*? Everyone picks it up to read my words of wisdom anyway.

It seems hardly anybody knew about last week's "Night of 1,000 Laughs." The show was far from sold out, and when Your Man was waiting for the show to begin, he actually overheard someone ask, "What is this?" as if he knew nothing of what he was about to see.

And what about showing some movies? Earlier in the year, there was a movie night at Mary Linn. Many other universities sponsor movie nights and screenings. It seemed to go over well here at Northwest. Why not do it again?

The "Nutcracker Ballet" and "Spirit of the Dance" are all great ideas for the ballet and dance nuts we have at Northwest, but I don't think there are many of them. Let's try and work on a better variety of acts for next year.

On to football. Wowie-kazowie. To those who missed Saturday's game against Pitt State, what in Charlie Pugh's name were you thinking? It was a doozy. Granted, there weren't many seats open, but there was plenty of standing room.

Heck, if you asked nicely, you probably could have joined the Phi Sigs on their porch and had a nice tasty beverage — just as long as you didn't disturb the neighbors.

Your Man salutes Pugh this week for his amazing touchdown return off of a Pittsburg State kickoff. His touchdown gave our beloved Bearcats bragging rights over the Gorillas for the second straight year. And Your Man was very happy to hear from the announcer at Rickenbrode Stadium that another hated rival, Northern Colorado, took a loss on Saturday.

Bearcats, I don't want to jinx it, but I think this may be the year. Let's keep it up.

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- **EDUCATION:** He has supported and will continue to support measures that will bring equity to the funding formula.
- **CRIME:** Missouri is the "meth" capital of the nation. Rex has been active in the "meth" battle as vice-chairman of a criminal law subcommittee on "meth" last session. This investigation produced information that was valuable as the toughest anti-meth bill in the country was passed in the 1998 General Assembly.
- **AGRICULTURE:** A strong pro-agriculture legislator, Rex has received the Farm Bureau "Friend of Agriculture" award.
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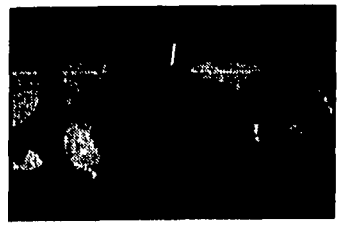
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Movie  
review

Title: Urban Legend  
Rated: R  
Reviewer: Matt Armstrong  
Grade:  (scale of 5)



## Movie stays consistent with typical '90s horror

Have you ever heard the story of the ax murderer hiding in the back of a girl's car? What about the one where if you eat Pop-Rocks and soda, your stomach will burst? These incidents are called urban legends.

Set at the fictitious Pendleton University, "Urban Legend" falls into the typical '90s slasher genre. It dwells on its ability to present unanswered questions and keeps the audience guessing who did it.

Every bit of horror movie hoopla is present. There are the thunderous rain storms always accompanied by bolts of lightning and the loud crashing piano chords just as the killer is about to strike. The true '90s horror flick always cleverly keeps the audience on the edge of its seat.

"Urban Legend" is no exception to the rule. Everyone knows what's going to happen when the shady music chimes in, but the audience still jumps out of their seats when the ax-wielding maniac leaps from the shadows.

The film depicts a diverse group of college students who coincidentally enroll in the same class; the curriculum being American folklore. Presiding over the class is Professor Wexler, played by Robert Englund, who was previously known as Freddy in "Nightmare on Elm Street."

The story fits the basic horror flick stereotype featuring Rebecca Gayheart, the extremely attractive airhead; Alicia Witt, the semi-good looking heroine with a complicated life; Joshua Jackson, the class clown; and Jared Leto, the hard nosed journalist looking for his controversial, award-winning story.

The plot is relatively simple. Supposedly, around 25 years ago a professor at the university went crazy and embarked on a murderous rampage. Now, on the 25th anniversary, the killings happen all over again, but this time they take the form of urban legends.

As compared to last year's, "I Know What You Did Last Summer," the killer wears a parka to conceal his identity as opposed to a rain slicker. No, it's not a rubber mask like in "Scream" or "Scream 2," it's an eskimo-like parka.

The film definitely takes advantage of the scare factor, but the carnage, as compared to some other recent horror movies, is lacking. Just when you think that ax is going to sink into the girl's throat, the camera drifts away from the closeup.

Another missed opportunity is the audience never getting a chance to feel sorry for the characters who are sliced and diced, because a connection is never made with them. Before the audience can relate to a character, the carcass falls out of a trunk or is hung from a tree in the following scene.

Red herrings are also thrown at the audience at a ridiculous rate. Everybody's a suspect. However, the list is eventually filed down, or in this case slaughtered.

But the film didn't miss with its sideline humor. It's chalked full of hidden jokes. It's easy to catch most of them, but audiences will probably have to see it again to catch them all.

For example, one scene has Jackson's and Witt's characters having a chat in his car. The radio is blaring Paula Cole's "I Don't Want to Wait," which is, of course, the theme song to "Dawson's Creek," also starring Jackson.

The real spark that ignited the film was the performance of Rebecca Gayheart.

Gayheart's portrayal of the gorgeous, ditzy, yet mysterious coed, definitely overshadows the entire cast. Without Gayheart, the film would have already taken its permanent shelf life at video stores.

The final scene cuts to future college students talking about the urban legend in which the plot of the movie is based: a psycho who kills by acting out the legends. Want to take a guess who's sitting with them? It's the presumed dead killer. What a clever setup for a sequel.

The bottom line is, "Urban Legend" is a typical '90s horror flick that keeps you guessing until everyone is dead.

The surprise twist at the end is amusing, but it doesn't make up for the unoriginal plot formula that most horror movies follow.

It's a great film for teen-age movie-goers who gawk at the elaborate death scenes and reel for the twisty-turny story plot. But if you want a little more substance, try a different legend.

Personally, I liked it better when it was called "Scream."

## Traditional tales still entertains society today

by Laurie Den Ouden  
Features Editor

Who says screaming "Bloody Mary" three times while looking into a mirror won't reflect Bloody Mary herself?

Each year on Halloween, children gather together to tell scary stories and later have trouble sleeping at night. Parents always tell them the stories aren't real. Many times the stories are urban legends handed down through the years and usually based on something that really happened. Granted, they do get embellished a bit, but more often than not, there's truth behind the story.

One urban legend tells about a family who received a unmarked package. The family assumed that the powder-like contents was food seasoning and used it for several days when preparing their food. A little later, a letter followed explaining that the contents of the package were actually the remains of a dead relative.

According to Barbara and David P. Mikkelsen's Internet site, this legend was popular just after World War II. Many European families were receiving food shipments from family members in other countries due to the scarcity of food in war-torn areas.

Another legend, common on campuses, varies depending on where it is told, but there are some consistencies that stand. A psychic predicts on television that a mass murderer will prey on a college campus. Many students flee to their hometowns or lock themselves in their dorm rooms.

This story was first heard in the Midwest in 1968, speculated to evolve from the Richard Speck's murders of nine nurses in a Chicago rooming house that year. It has just recently gained popularity with the new release of the movie "Urban Legend."

Often legends change beyond recognition and no longer can be traced back to any true events, but many still believe.

One college legend is about a girl who had just finished a research paper and decided, even though it

was late, to return the books to the library. She invited her roommate to go along, but the roommate declined.

On her way to the library she came across a friend, and they decided to go have coffee. After awhile, she remembered a book that also needed to be returned that she had left in her room. She knew exactly where it was in the room, so when she went back she left the light off in hopes not to disturb her roommate while she was sleeping.

She got the book and left. When she returned, she saw police cars around her building and wondered what was going on. She forced her way through the police and saw her roommate's sheets stained with blood along with a message on the mirror signed in blood reading: "Aren't you glad you didn't turn on the light?"

A few Northwest students shared their hometown legends.

Michelle Falcon, therapeutic recreation major, said in Pella, Iowa, there is a cemetery with a circle drive around it. Supposedly, if you circle the drive three times in your car, stop at a specific location and shine your brights on two trees, the gates of hell are supposed to appear.

If a deer is seen, the person is supposed to be free from evil, but if the deer isn't seen, then the person is supposed to lock the car doors and leave.

She said she and her brother are not really superstitious; however, they have been to the cemetery many times and seen the deer.

"The only weird thing is that the deer is always there," Falcon said. "Maybe he's guarding something."

Art major Megan Harris shared her story about the hometown "steroid cat" in Slater. She said there is a huge black cat that has been run over three times and is still alive. She joked that the town "thinks

## Halloween brings out superstitions, spirits, witches

by Michelle Murphy  
Missourian Reporter

Who decided Friday the 13th was an unlucky day? Why should breaking a mirror bring seven years of bad luck?

Some superstitions have remained unchanged for hundreds and even thousands of years. But why do we still believe in them? Superstitions take us to our distant past and the darkest shadows in Europe during the Middle Ages, traveling into some of the oldest magic and memories.

Halloween is when ghosts roam and witches are known to hold their Sabbaths. It also marks the end of the Celtic year. It is said that the sun itself entered the gates of hell on this day, providing an opportunity for evil spirits to slip out and menace the earth for 48 hours. Today witches, riding broomsticks and wearing masks, are the fashion to chase away demons.

One superstition says if a person walks down a road and hears foot steps from someone walking closely behind, it is important not to turn around. The superstitious believe it could be death himself.

Another superstition suggests if a girl stands before a mirror while eating an apple and combing her hair at midnight on Halloween, her future husband's image will be reflected in the mirror over her left shoulder.

Breaking a mirror has been unlucky for centuries. One of the superstitions says seven years of bad luck

will follow. Mirrors have been very useful, not just for grooming purposes, but magicians used them in their magic operations. Over the years, many thoughts have evolved, such as keeping pieces of a broken mirror adds to the bad luck. Also, if a child or a cat breaks a mirror they will die within a year.

The black cat, an icon used especially during the Halloween period, is considered very unlucky to the superstitious. In the "Dictionary of Superstition," the black cat superstition states that if a person strokes a black cat and makes a wish then it may come true. Also, if a black cat crosses in front of a person's car from left to right they'll get a flat tire. Like in several other superstitions, spitting is supposed to counteract the bad luck brought by a black cat crossing a person's path.

Originally, the superstition of walking underneath a ladder bringing bad luck, came from a religious idea. Some Christians thought a triangle represented the holy trinity. So they believed passing through the triangle formed by a ladder leaning against a wall was irreverent.

Other superstitions said walking under the ladder could prevent a person from being married. However, if a person does walk under one, they must spit through it or spit three times after walking through it to prevent bad luck.

Ever had an itchy nose? Don't blame it on those allergies or sinus problems. The nose is a sensitive area on the face. According to the

performed the stunt unharmed in the nights previous, however, his fateful performance will haunt those who were on the hayride.

Another boy and several of his friends were acting out the same scene in his aunt's home. The noose accidentally tightened and hanged the 15-year-old surrounded by fake spider webs and plastic bats.

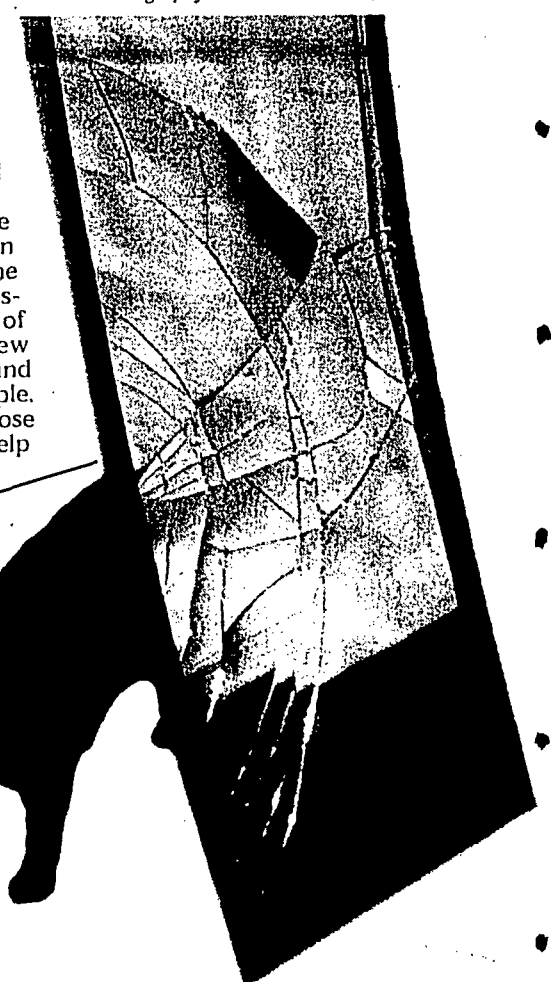
College students are often vulnerable to urban legends, according to the Mikkelsens. They are easily preyed on because of their insecurity in new surroundings and around strange, unfamiliar people.

So be prepared for those Halloween jitters and help keep the urban legends alive.

One boy was pretending to hang from the gallows at a pre-Halloween hayride event. The boy

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## Incident at East Coast school fuels accusations of witchcraft

by Laurie Den Ouden  
Features Editor

It seems "Bewitched" is no longer just a comedy from the late '60s and early '70s, rather fiction turned reality with a weird twist.

Just last week, a 15-year-old witch was suspended from Southwestern High School in Baltimore, Md., for allegedly casting a spell on one of her classmates.

Jamie Schoonover was accused of putting a witches' spell on Jennifer Rassen by crossing out her name on a school wall and writing, "Life is a virtue of death," near it, according to the Tabloid News Service in Maryland.

Rassen ran hysterically to Southwestern principal Earl Lee, informing him of the incident.

Lee told the *Baltimore Sun* he could hardly understand Rassen because she was so upset. He decided this was something that should be looked into.

Lee was visited by Rassen's biological father, a transsexual cross-dresser, who now refers to himself as her mother and calls himself Colleen Harper.

"Unfortunately, there are too many superstitions that have been encouraged by Hollywood's description of witchcraft," Harper said.

There are several prime time sitcoms based on witchcraft plots these days.

For example, the '90s revamp of "Bewitched" called "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" along with a new show on the WB network called "Charmed."

Also, "Practical Magic" was recently released in which Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman portray two women who practice the religious belief system called Wicca.

When Lee questioned Rassen's affiliation with witchcraft she didn't deny it, baffling the principal, according to the *Sun*.

"It's just so new to us that a child openly admits she practices witchcraft," Lee said. "It's very bizarre to us. So, we wanted to get the parents involved, to see if they had any knowledge of it."

Not only did the mother know about the witchcraft, but she too practices the non-Christian based religion, or as the Associated Press defined it, "pre-Christian, back-to-nature religion witches follow."

According to Harper, her daughter would never place anything but good spells on someone, because she knows that it would come back on her three-fold.

"Dictionary of Superstition," an itchy nose is a sign of trouble or distress. Or, a person will be kissed by a fool.

And, why is it that in many buildings, the 13th floor does not exist? It's also considered the unluckiest of all dates for a wedding.

But, on the other hand, to be born on the 13th of the month is considered lucky.

Some born on the 13th are expected to prosper in anything they begin later in life. In ancient times, the number 13 was ill-fated, primarily because of the violent deaths of 13th-century gods.

Weddings have many superstitions associated with them. It's considered unlucky to see a bride in her dress before the ceremony. And the saying, "Always the bridesmaid and never the bride," follows suit according to superstitions.

Superstitions have been defined as "other people's religious beliefs."

Superstition is a belief in cause and effect relationships which lead to systematic, repetitive behavior that is totally ineffective in accomplishing what it claims it can accomplish.

Superstitions can be attributed to the basis of organized religion.

A person can constantly "knock on wood" with hopes of having better luck, even though it is not always the case.

So, the next time you spy some wood and need a little luck, knock on wood, and just remember: If your nose itches, don't pucker those lips to anyone. They may be a fool.